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PA auditor finds 40% of budget wasted or misused

By JON IMMANUEL

A 600-page report by the Palestinian Authority's auditing office has found that \$323 million - almost 40 percent of the PA budget - were wasted or misused by ministries last year and said some ministers channeled funds from foreign donors into personal accounts.

Speaking on Palestinian TV, Jarar

Kidwa, head of the report's compilers in the office of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, said that one minister rang up a \$7,000 phone bill in one month.

"All ministers, deputies and directors-general who are behind this waste will be brought to justice. Names and details of the misuse of funds have been given to President Arafat," Kidwa said. He said the report, a copy of which was handed to

Arafat, had not yet been made public.

He said that some ministers opened personal and ministry bank accounts without informing the Finance Ministry and that funds from foreign donors went into the personal accounts.

The PA budget for 1997 is \$866m, said Palestinian Legislative Council Speaker Ahmed Qurei, former economics minister. The Palestinian Legislative Council last

week discussed the misuse of funds, accusing officials of living far beyond their salaries.

"For example we found that \$45-\$50 million should have gone to the budget from customs fees on cars, but this money was lost on giving people cars without paying customs," Kidwa said.

Financial corruption in the PA is widely assumed by Palestinians surveyed in

recent polls. A teachers' strike last month, which was suppressed by PA security forces, was partly motivated by what the teachers saw as the gap between their living standards and those of PA officials.

The report was quoted in *Al Hayat al-Jadida*, the Palestinian newspaper closest to Arafat.

Meanwhile, Daoud Kuttab, the private TV station director jailed last Tuesday for

broadcasting the proceedings of the Legislative Council, which routinely charges PA ministers with corruption, may be released within 24 hours, as soon as Arafat speaks with him, his family said.

Arafat's advisers said that Kuttab was in jail for violating a contract rather than for broadcasting. Kuttab was reported to be starting a hunger strike in the Ramallah jail to protest his arrest.

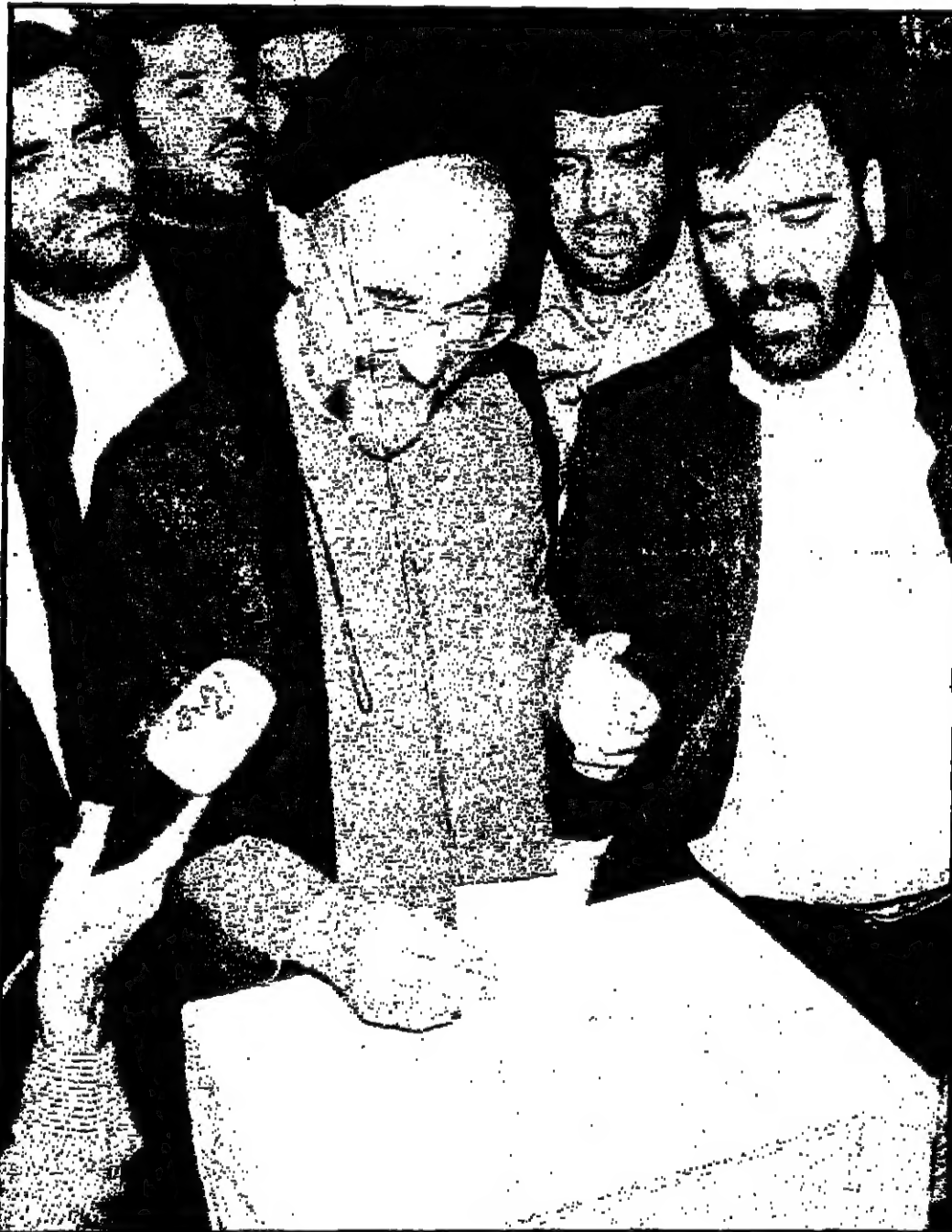
'Moderate' wins Iran election

News agencies

TEHRAN - Mohammed Khatami, a moderate cleric with wide support among the young, yesterday was declared the winner of Iran's presidential election, according to final results announced by state radio and television.

Khatami took 20.7 million votes of the 29.7 million cast in the Friday election. Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri, his conservative challenger who conceded defeat earlier yesterday, won 7.2 million votes. Two other candidates who ran won less than a million votes each.

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, issued a brief statement endorsing Khatami's victory. "I give my warm congratulations to Mr. Khatami," he said.



Iranian President-elect Mohammed Khatami casts his ballot in Teheran on Friday. (AP)

lems of rampant inflation and unemployment.

But Iran's state security apparatus stepped up its profile on key Tehran highways and intersections early as daylight ended. The government's Guidance Patrol stopped cars to enforce strict Islamic dress codes on drivers and passengers.

One woman driver wearing a compulsory hejab was rebuked by a female member of the

Guidance Patrol outside her car for wearing make-up which is not officially tolerated. At least one other young woman was put into a white coach with red windows by the patrol. The patrol usually detains violators of dress codes overnight.

"The important thing is that people have voted for someone who attaches importance to civil liberties which have not existed before," said Mori, a 30-year-old

man who was listening to a radio in a tailor's shop in central Teheran. "The government will gradually go towards liberalization. You can't expect democracy but we hope that people in the future can be more relaxed," he said with a smile.

Post-election celebrations in this city of seven million were muted, as many Iranians observed the Shi'ite mourning month of Muharram.

Gov't: No halt to Har Homa

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN and JON IMMANUEL

Government spokesmen yesterday denied reports of a proposal to halt building in Jerusalem's Har Homa as part of a package to restart peace talks with the Palestinians.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, meanwhile, said he would meet with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu Tuesday without preconditions.

Mubarak is sending his political adviser, Osama Baz, to Jerusalem today to prepare the ground for the

summit meeting, which is due to be held in Sharm e-Sheikh. Baz met with Netanyahu on Friday to exchange ideas on how to restart talks with the Palestinians.

"My personal envoy will go again to Israel and we will see what they will reach and what direction can be taken, so that the Palestinian and Israeli sides can continue the talks," Mubarak, accompanied by Jordan's King Hussein, said in Akaba yesterday.

"We have not talked about conditions. We were talking about how to solve the present crisis," Mubarak added.

Today Baz is to present Netanyahu an initiative which apparently has the support of the Americans, Europeans, and King Hussein, sources in Jerusalem said.

Under this plan, the Palestinians will resume the security cooperation with Israel and fight terrorism; a political solution will be worked out for the construction on Har Homa, with construction there to be halted temporarily; and the talks on a fast-track final-status agreement and on the second pullback in the West Bank will be resumed.

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Analysis, Page 2

Supporters of moderate Khatami were jubilant as the moderate former culture minister clinched a shock landslide victory over his conservative rival.

"I'm shocked. I really thought it would go to a second round... the winner is freedom," said Behrooz, a 45-year-old housing agent, relaxing with friends.

The size of the turnout was expected to be the biggest since the country voted to become an Islamic Republic in 1979 and was interpreted by many voters as a clear signal to Teheran's religious elite that the country needs reforms.

Khatami's victory had been helped by his appeal as a moderate and social reformer, particularly to Iranian women and the country's large young population, analysts said.

"I am very happy. It was very important that Nateq-Nouri did not become president. For the first time the people have rejected what the establishment wanted," said Mitra, a 20-year-old woman student in a main Tehran shopping street.

More social freedom for young people and for women became a central issue of the campaign, together with prob-

Cities to support local authorities' strike

By DAVID HARRIS

The Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Haifa municipalities are this morning to issue a statement of support for the Union of Local Authorities' strike and laying out their own demands for Treasury funds. The larger cities have so far not participated in the strike.

Now in its twelfth day, the strike has brought virtually all local council services to a standstill, other than education, garbage collection, and emergency services.

Last night, the Tel Aviv Labor Court was discussing a request for back-to-work orders from 16

localities fighting plans by the Histadrut to call some 100,000 municipal workers out on strike.

Tonight top ULA leaders are to meet with Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman in an effort to end the ULA-Treasury standoff. Over the weekend, Lieberman and Interior Ministry Director-General Ya'acov Effraim met with ULA leaders and promised to do their utmost to bring about a truce.

On Friday, dozens of local council heads chained themselves to the gate in front of the Prime Minister's Office during the weekly cabinet meeting, later expressing anger that their plight was not even discussed at the session.

The municipalities have built up deficits amounting to some NIS 4 billion and are demanding the Treasury cover most of their losses.

Rehov Bar-Ilan closure passes quietly

By ELI WOHLGELERINTER

The long-awaited Shabbat closing of Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan went off without incident, with the street closed seven and a half hours during prayer hours and open to traffic the rest of the time.

But contrary to what secular residents of the neighborhood were told, the permits issued by the Transport Ministry explicitly state that they are not allowed to travel on Bar-Ilan during the closed hours.

"You can't drive into Bar-Ilan during prayer hours even with the permit - it's closed for everyone. The police do not allow any of the secular residents to go through," said Aliza Avinezer, one of the original petitioners to the High Court of Justice in the case.

Avinezer, who lives at the western end of Bar-Ilan where the

street's name changes to Yirmiyahu, said she still has to walk 300 to 400 meters to her house from where she can park.

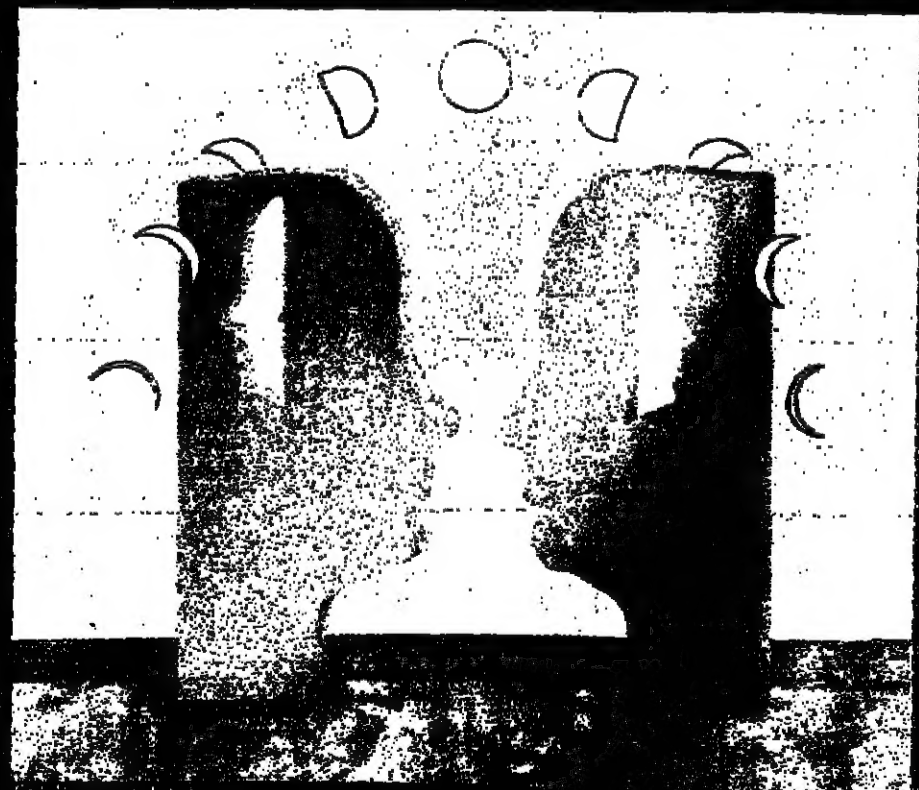
During prayer hours when the road is closed, Avinezer said, "Bar-Ilan is like a promenade, with people walking freely in the road like in Mea She'arim and Geula - and that's what they wanted!"

Police said late yesterday a few hundred haredim stood on the sidewalk at the intersection of Bar-Ilan and Shmuel Hanavi and screamed "Shabbos, Shabbos" at passing cars, but did not throw stones or garbage as at previous demonstrations.

"They are clever, because they know that if they make trouble, the road will be opened again," said Avinezer. "But it's only the beginning. They will close the road for all of Shabbat - it's only a matter of time."

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NEWS

in brief

PA arrests more land dealers

Attorney-General Khalid Qidrah told reporters yesterday that 12 more land dealers suspected of selling land to Jews have been arrested, in addition to six arrested in the Hebron area earlier last week.

PA Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had a list of 200 suspect land dealers that had been drawn up by Jordan when it imposed the death penalty in absentia on land dealers who sold to Jews, and that the PA would work through the list, to question and, if necessary, try them all.

Jon Immanuel

Ministry to probe beating death of Palestinian

The Justice Ministry said Friday it is investigating the death of Khaled Abu Dayeh, who went on a rampage in Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital last Wednesday.

Abu Dayeh, 37, arrested two weeks ago for trying to steal a soldier's gun, was sent for psychiatric observation after attempting suicide, and was brought to Shaare Zedek complaining of a sore throat. Hospital director Dr. Jonathan Halevy said Friday he went berserk in the emergency ward, overturning his bed, breaking his handcuffs, punching a policeman and trying to steal his pistol, despite being sprayed with tear gas. Halevy said Abu Dayeh died from hemorrhaging caused by the police beatings. "They [police] hit him when he was on the ground and hit him hard," Halevy said.

AP

Cabinet expected to approve ILA reforms

The cabinet is expected this week to approve the Israel Lands Administration reforms contained in the Ronen Committee report, according to National Infrastructure Ministry spokesman Ra'anan Gissin.

The government heard a presentation on the recommendations, which call for the transfer of ownership of land from the ILA to some 700,000 home owners and building rights to be granted to moshav and kibbutz members.

There is considerable opposition to the proposals from the Jewish National Fund and farmers across the country. Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan said there were ongoing negotiations to resolve the differences.

David Harris

Two killed on roads

A bicyclist was killed when he collided with a motorcyclist, who suffered light injuries, at the Ashdod interchange last night. Police are investigating the cause of the crash. A motorcycle rider was killed and the driver was seriously injured when their bike crashed into a car in Petah Tikva on Friday night. Police said the motorcycle ran a red light.

Seven people were injured, six of them policemen, when a police van collided with a commercial vehicle on the Acre-Karmiel highway on Friday afternoon. Police said the driver of the commercial vehicle, who suffered serious injuries, ran a red light. The policemen were lightly injured.

Jim

ANALYSIS

No changes in store for Iran-Israel relations

By STEVE RODAN

The landslide election of Mohammad Khatami might result in domestic reforms in Iran but will not change Tehran's policy toward Israel and the West, analysts said last night.

Many of the analysts were stunned by Khatami's landslide victory, since he had been regarded as the dark horse in the campaign. The man regarded as the front-runner was Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri, who lost to Khatami by at least 13 million votes though he had been supported by the country's spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Uri Lubrani, government coordinator for Lebanon and a former Israeli ambassador to Iran, called the election "a real revolution in Iran" and said it vindicates US policy of isolating Tehran.

"I think that what happened is that we can see that this was a protest vote surprising in its volume," Lubrani said. "The protest was against Khamenei and its regime and against the extremists."

Lubrani said that during the last week the Iranian regime tried to disrupt Khatami's campaign. He said Khatami's victory vindicated the Clinton administration's policy of isolating Iran until it demonstrates it abides by international norms.

"This is definitely a protest that supports the US policy," he said. "It comes to say what the Americans say: that the regime has to change. And in contrast the Europeans got a slap in the face with its critical dialogue, that collapsed after Mikanos trial."

But Lubrani cautioned against expecting Iranian policy toward Israel and the US to change soon.

"It's too early," he said. "I wouldn't speculate. Khamenei might do his best to ignore Khatami because in the end he determines. But for the US, it's a vindication."

David Mesasari, who holds the

Parviz Nazarian Chair in Modern Iranian Studies at Tel Aviv University, said he was surprised by the extent of Khatami's victory. He also called the election a protest by Iran's young voters who want a real change in the regime.

"The question is whether he can deliver," Mesasari said. "Khamenei is the leader."

Menasari said that Khatami's main goal will be to reform the economy, something that would require support from the international community. But whether this will benefit Israel and the US is not clear.

"The foreign policy will be a product of the freedom of movement he gets and the internal situation," he said. "The subject of Israel and the US are so basic in the conception of the revolution and the final flags that remain in the regime, so withdrawal from them is problematic. Everything depends on the political forces."

Barry Rubin, senior fellow at Bar-Ilan's Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, agreed. He cautioned against seeing Khatami's victory as signaling a change in Tehran's radical foreign policy. He pointed out that the new president is close to his predecessor, Hashemi Rafsanjani, who reigned over a pro-terrorist Iran for the past eight years.

"In terms of international meaning, he is close to Rafsanjani, which means he is part of the current establishment," Rubin said. "Certainly on issues of foreign policy, terrorism, and supporting the peace process, he will follow a similar policy to that of Rafsanjani."

"He should be given a chance but I don't think he will change foreign policy, including on Israel," Rubin said. "If he wants to make internal reforms, it might make it far harder to change key things, like opposition to Israel and support for Hizbullah."

Mubarak, Hussein meet in Akaba

Leaders coordinate strategy ahead of summit

AKABA (Reuters) - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak struck a note of caution yesterday ahead of a summit this week with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu aimed at breaking the impasse in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

"I cannot guarantee our effort will succeed 100 percent... the circumstances have got very tough," Mubarak told a news conference with King Hussein in Akaba after brief one-day talks to coordinate positions.

Mubarak and Netanyahu are expected to meet in Sharm el-Sheikh on Tuesday.

Mubarak said there was an urgent need to break the impasse but said it was too early to talk of an Egyptian initiative to reactivate Palestinian self-rule talks.

"We still cannot talk about ini-



Jordan's King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak meet yesterday in Akaba. (Reuters)

tiatives until we see the Israeli side, what idea they have, and examine it and then present it to

the Palestinian side and if there is agreement, to enter into negotiations," he added.

Asked if there were any preconditions for the summit Mubarak said: "We have not

talked about conditions, we are talking about how to solve the present crisis, we cannot say preconditions."

King Hussein, who used his close ties with both Israel and the Palestinians to broker the January Hebron accord, said his country supported Egyptian efforts to restart the stalled talks.

"We bless all the efforts our Egyptian brothers have taken and support them," the king said.

But Mubarak warned against a delay in resuming peace talks and said both Netanyahu and King Hussein agreed with him on the need to act quickly to spare the region instability.

"If the situation continues as it is now, the consequences of it will not be good at all... I hope with all my heart that we will succeed. We should not despair and if despair engulfs our hearts there will be no peace," Mubarak said.

"I believe the prime minister of Israel, I and his majesty the king are agreed that the position now towards the peace process requires a move in any way," he added.

Ben-Elissar bans embassy staff from talking to press

By HILLEL KUTTLER and MICHAEL YUDELMAN

WASHINGTON - In his first action on returning here, Ambassador to the US Eliahu Ben-Elissar banned embassy staff from speaking to the press. Ben-Elissar spent two days in Israel last week fighting for his job after accusing officials in the Prime Minister's Office for subverting his standing in the US capital.

At a staff meeting Friday, Ben-Elissar told embassy employees that he had reclaimed his job and warned against further leaks to the press. Of the recent episode, Ben-Elissar said: "This was a non-aesthetic attempt to transfer me to another job and to have [former ambassador] Zalman Shoval replace me. The prime minister was convinced not to do it. This chapter was an unpleasant one in the history of the embassy, and now it's closed."

Ben-Elissar told the employees they were to stop speaking to Israeli and non-Israeli journalists, and that only spokesmen Gadi Baldinsky and an authorized replacement were to talk to the press, and that he would report violators to Foreign Minister David Levy.

In Jerusalem, meanwhile, Foreign Ministry officials fear Ben-Elissar will have trouble dealing with the US administration, following an apparent attempt by

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to replace him.

The sources said Ben-Elissar's status will be weaker now and the two new diplomatic appointments made by the prime minister in the Washington embassy, Leonard Davis as the embassy's No. 2, and Ra'anan Gissin as information attaché, may undermine him further, because they will work directly with the prime minister. In addition, Netanyahu's political adviser Dore Gold was appointed UN ambassador and Foreign Minister David Levy's supporter Shmuel Siso was named consul general in New York.

On Channel 2's *Meet the Press*, taped before his return to Washington, Ben-Elissar said he did not believe Netanyahu wanted to replace him, despite the Prime Minister's Office's failure to deny persistent rumors and reports that Netanyahu had asked Shoval to take Ben-Elissar's place.

He denied the reports that he was "cut off" in Washington and blamed "a number of malicious people, especially one," in the Washington embassy for the critical reports about him. He said this man, whom he would not name, "helped those journalists who vilified me." He also said "I defended a policy which certain Israeli left-wing journalists don't approve of." He noted the man in question was due to return to Israel soon, after being replaced by one of the new appointees.

HAR HOMA

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Palestinian sources said Mubarak agreed to meet Netanyahu only after he received signals that Israel will be ready for the compromise he proposes, namely freezing construction on Har Homa. An American initiative, which is to be presented to Israel by special US envoy Dennis Ross, is also reportedly based on temporary halt to the building on Har Homa.

When construction is resumed, building for Arabs in nearby Jerusalem neighborhoods will begin at the same time. The halt in the construction is expected to enable the resumption of the negotiations with the Palestinians, who are demanding it as a condition for resuming the talks.

Channel 1 reported Friday night that a proposal being hammered out in Jerusalem consists of completing the infrastructure for Har Homa, and then stopping for a planning stage, in which construction for Arabs will be planned as well.

But Netanyahu spokesman Shai Bazzak denied the existence of any such proposal or decision. Cabinet secretary Danny Navet said, "There will be no freeze on the building in Har Homa. The construction there will continue as part of the government's policy to strengthen Jerusalem. There are no plans and we haven't suggested any to stop the construction there. We have a few new ideas about building for Arabs in Jerusalem, and we will advance them too as part of the effort to resume the talks."

Meanwhile, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa canceled his visit here tomorrow, since Baz has taken over the arrangements for Mubarak's meeting with Netanyahu. Moussa was to have attended a ceremony at Ben-Gurion University, before his visit

became a working mission to prepare the summit.

The Palestinian Authority cabinet and PLO executive committee chaired by Yasser Arafat issued a statement yesterday supporting the Egyptian initiative, but warned that Israel is responsible for the stalemate peace process, and that without a freeze on settlements, including the Har Homa project, it could not resume.

The statement was not optimistic about the planned new initiative, saying that "Netanyahu announced that any compromise to activate the peace process, which includes freezing settlement construction in Jerusalem, is illogical and not under consideration."

The PA statement accused Israel of trying to drive a wedge between the PA and the US government.

ARRIVALS

For the 27th Board of Governors Meeting of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: Lotty Reich, Belgium; Natalie and Raymond Stern, Canada; Claire and Sam Barasim, Mergo and David Caselden, Eric and Jacqueline Charles, Ann and Moshe Cohen, Shelley Gardner, Rita and Leslie Levy, Sam and Vivienne Lawson, Judith and Harold Palmer, Dr. Perry Pitzer, Lady Anabelle and Lord George Walden, Adeline Zlotowski and Louis James Zlotowski-Morran, England; Dr. and Mrs. Pierre Attignac, Michele Bolebozo, Tamara and Ariel Elia, Regine and Maurice Grossman, France; Ruth and Dr. Heinz-Horst Deichmann, Ute Deichmann, Dr. Wilhelm Gode, Jürgen Högner, Joachim Kohn, Dr. Ferdinand and Ursula Piech and family, Dirk Rumberg, Germany; Serio Lubner, Anthony Palm, Horby Rosenberg, Esther and Ben-Zion Sordul, Esther Yach, Solly Yellin, South Africa; Linda and Edgar de Piccolto, Guy de Piccolto, Alexander de Piccolto, Robert Eguay, Sarah and Jean Louis Junod, Ise Katz, Ring Meyer, Marie France and Francis Minkoff, Tova and Jean Neyroud, Eli and Martin Wylor, Suzanne Zlotowski, Switzerland; Jean and Robert Arrow, Malika and Sam Arohi, Shelley and Arnold Bengals, Ken Farber, Ann Hüscher, Lis Ganes, Lillian and Lawrence Goodman, Adam Heller, Ted Jaffe, Lee Katz, Carmen and Philip Moras, Howard and Mrs. Reita, Murray and Judith Shusterman, Harriet and Albert Sofia, Michael Sonnenfeldt, Charlotte and Jack Spitzer, Munich and Ken Tucker, Margaret Ward and Thomas de Wit, Golda Weidenhorn, Allen and Jules Whitman, USA.

Cabinet okays Jordan water plan

By DAVID HARRIS

The cabinet approved on Friday a plan to supply Jordan with 50 million cubic meters of water over the next three years, as part of Israel's commitment under the peace treaty with Amman.

The agreement, which has already received Jordan's approval, will pave the way for intensified negotiations on a range of joint infrastructure projects, National Infrastructure Ministry spokesman Ra'anan Gissin said last night.

On Thursday, Water Commissioner Meir Ben-Meir met with his counterpart in Amman to conclude the agreement for the transfer, the second

of its kind under the treaty. The water is to come from salt water currently used by kibbutzim in the Beit She'an area for fish farms.

However, it will take some three years to construct and prepare the required desalination plant on site. In the meantime, Ben-Meir has offered the Jordanians 25 million cubic meters of drinking water over the next three years from other sources, while preparations for desalination go ahead.

The first of these transfers is expected to take place this week, according to Gissin. They will be used in the Amman area, where there is currently a water shortage, with faucets often running dry. The Beit She'an project will cost

an estimated NIS 500 million. In the peace treaty there is no mention of who will pay for the operation, but during his recent visit to Amman, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu offered to foot half the bill.

It is anticipated, according to Gissin, that the remainder will come from US loan guarantees and from the World Bank. Negotiations on the third and final transfer of 50 million cubic meters have already begun, with water likely to be taken from the Jordan and Yarmuk rivers before they enter the Dead Sea. This project will in all likelihood be funded by foreign investors, led by Japanese companies, according to Gissin.

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Knesset Elections (Consolidated Version) Law, 1969

Display of 1997/1998 Knesset Voters Rolls

Pursuant to Sections 33 and 35 of the Knesset Elections (Consolidated Version) Law, 1969 (hereafter, the law), details are given hereunder of the days, times and locations at which the Knesset Voters Rolls are to be displayed.

1. Registration in the Knesset Voters Rolls. As stated in Section 2 of the Law, only a person whose name appears in the rolls may vote in Knesset elections. This also applies to local authority elections.
2. Display of the Rolls for Public Inspection. In order to permit everyone to check whether he or another person is registered correctly in the voters rolls, Section 33 of the Law requires the voters rolls to be displayed every year for public inspection, at Population Registry Offices.
3. Period of Display. This year, the rolls will be displayed from May 25, 1997 to June 2, 1997, both dates inclusive, religious requirements for the observance of days of rest being respected.
4. Submission of Complaints. In accordance with Section 40 of the Law, anyone who considers himself disadvantaged by the non-appearance or incorrect registration of his name in these rolls is entitled to submit a request/complaint to the Minister of the Interior, through his local Population Registry Office, not later than June 12, 1997, on the appropriate form, obtainable where the rolls are displayed, and at Population Registry Offices. The identity card of the person submitting the request/complaint must be presented.
5. Display of Supplementary Voters Rolls for Residents of Local Authority Areas who are not Israeli Citizens. In accordance with Section 16 (A) of the Local Authorities (Elections) Law, 1985, supplementary (appended) voters rolls, containing the names of residents who are not Israeli citizens, will be displayed with the Knesset voters rolls. Everything stated in para. 4 above regarding the submission of complaints applies also to the appearance and non-appearance of names in these supplementary rolls.
6. Requests to Register in a Station Adapted for Handicapped Voters. A person who cannot vote in the station in which he is registered because of physical disabilities may submit a request to the Minister of the Interior to register at another voting station near his home which has facilities for handicapped voters. The locations of these voting stations will be published on public bulletin boards in local councils. Application forms requesting transfer to a voting station with facilities for handicapped voters are available at the offices of local councils and the Population Registry Offices, and also by mail by calling 09-7677249. The signed request should be submitted on the appropriate form and sent to the address given on the form.

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7. The Locations and Times of Display are given below: At all the district and sub-district Population Registry Offices listed below, the voters rolls for the local authority areas coming under the office concerned will be displayed. Hours of display: During the period noted in para. 3 above, the rolls will be displayed during the regular working hours of the office concerned. The voters roll can also be reviewed by telephone - details will be published in the press.

Population Registry Offices

TOWN	ADDRESS	TOWN	ADDRESS
JERUSALEM	1 Shlomzion Hamalka	KFAR SAVA	140 Rehov Weizmann
EILAT	The Center	UPPER NAZARETH	Government building
ASHDOD	The Forum Building,	NETANYA	13 Rehov Remez
	1 Rehov Haorgim	ACRE	Market Center
ASHKELON	District office	AFULA	2 Harav Levin
	(municipality building)	PETAH TIKVA	40 Bar Kochba
BEERSHEBA	Noam Building,	SAFED	50 Rehov Yerushalayim
	22 Rehov Shazar	RAMAT GAN	2 Rehov Bialik
BNEI BRAK	89 Rehov Hazon Ish	RAMLE	76 Rehov Herzl
HERZLIYA	2 Rehov Hadar	REHOVOT	24 Binyamin
HADERA	50 Rehov Herzl	RISHON LEZION	39 Rehov Herzl
HOLON	164 Shderot Yerushalayim	TEL AVIV	Shalom Mayer Tower (14th floor), 9 Rehov Ahad Ha'am
HAIFA	11 Rehov Hassan Shukri		9 Rehov Habashan
TIBERIAS	23 Rehov Zaki Alhadidi	TEL AVIV	

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French rivals keep truce ahead of elections

Many voters still undecided

PARIS (Reuters) — French politicians marked a truce yesterday, the eve of a snap parliamentary election, after a lackluster campaign focused on personalities as much as issues like high unemployment, the economy and Europe.

Politicians were barred from television and radio yesterday, giving 39 million voters time to ponder their choice from among 6,389 candidates in today's first phase of voting for the 577-seat National Assembly. A record 1,469 women are running.

The election, with run-offs on June 1, will either renew President Jacques Chirac's centre-right government until the end of his seven-year term in 2002 or make him a virtual lame duck in an uneasy cohabitation with the left.

Opinion polls before a blackout a week ago showed the centre right was likely to retain power despite record unemployment and painful austerity, but that the left was within striking distance of an upset win with many voters undecided.

"Everything remains possible," the daily *Le Parisien* said in a front-page headline. "The sur-

prise vote," *Liberation* said.

Gambling his presidency by calling the vote 10 months early after promptings from unpopular Prime Minister Alain Juppe, Chirac has urged "a new elan" to push ahead with European Union integration, a single currency and free market reforms.

He made a final veiled plug for his allies at an informal EU summit in the Netherlands, saying he saw a "revolution" in Europe over growing acceptance of a need for a social model to protect citizens from unemployment and poverty.

The opposition Socialists, campaigning to "Change the Future," have accused Chirac of groveling to financial markets with fiscal austerity to qualify for a single currency and say he has forgotten his pledges to lead a fight for jobs.

If elected, Socialist leader Lionel Jospin promises to create 700,000 youth jobs and cut the working week to 35 hours from 39 with no loss of pay. He also says he will not impose any extra austerity to qualify for the single currency from 1999.

The first round score of the far-right National Front led by Jean-

Marie Le Pen will also be significant.

The left would be helped if a large number of Front candidates win the 12.5 percent of registered voters needed to reach the runoff. Front voters generally turn to conservatives in constituencies where their own candidate is eliminated.

"The true danger is him," the daily *France-Soir* said in a front-page headline alongside a photograph of Le Pen. "And then," it added by a photograph of two riverbank anglers, representing abstentions.

But much of the campaign has focused on Juppe's image as a brilliant but unfeeling technocrat more than on issues.

Polls last year showed he was the least popular premier since the start of the Fifth Republic in 1958 and even rightist voters want Chirac to dump him if he wins.

The first round will only be a pointer to the final result and Juppe has said no clear trend may emerge. Only candidates winning at least 50 percent will be elected outright, leaving most of the seats to June 1 run-offs. A lack of fire in the campaign has stirred fears of high abstention.



French Prime Minister Alain Juppe, left, talks with supporters in Bordeaux on Friday.

(AP)

Troops break up anti-Kabila march

By ARTHUR MALU-MALU

KINSHASA (Reuters) — Troops in Kinshasa fired in the air yesterday and loaded 100 demonstrators into trucks to break up a march by about 1,000 students protesting against self-proclaimed President Laurent Kabila's new government.

Witnesses who followed the trucks said they were driven to Kinshasa's Kololo military barracks. The soldiers had said earlier they were taking the students back to campus.

"They were taken into the camp and I stayed outside for about half an hour. I did not see them leave," one said.

The exclusion of populist opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi from the new government sparked protests less than a week after Kabila's rebel forces entered Kinshasa in triumph, crowning a seven-month armed campaign.

But with anti-Kabila anger

spreading to Tshisekedi's homeland in the centre of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kabila's admirers in Kinshasa staged a symbolic show of support.

About 150 Kabila supporters marched down Kinshasa's main street after troops broke up the student march, witnesses said.

They said the pro-Kabila marchers, many of them followers of murdered independence prime minister Patrice Lumumba, called on people to support Kabila's Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo (AFDL).

Most of the students in yesterday's march in the capital panicked and scattered after two shots rang out, but about 200 pressed on towards the Intercontinental Hotel where most AFDL leaders are lodged.

About 50 other marchers were made to sit by the roadside with their hands on their heads, under

heavy guard by soldiers.

Troops then packed about 100 protesters into trucks and said they were taking them back to the campus, witnesses said.

"I am acting under orders," said the troop commander, who called himself John. He said former soldiers of ousted president Mobutu Sese Seko's army were among the protesters.

The AFDL entered Kinshasa on May 17 after the flight of Mobutu, who dominated Africa's third largest country for more than three decades.

Mobutu, weakened by cancer, arrived in Morocco on Friday from Togo but an official in Rabat said yesterday he was expected to go on to France early next month.

In announcing his incomplete government on Thursday, Kabila not only excluded Tshisekedi but also abolished the post of prime minister — which the radical politician claims.

The students, who began their demonstration in the working class Matonge district, waved palm branches as a symbol of peaceful protest and carried placards emblazoned with anti-Kabila slogans.

Kabila's government said on Friday that because his AFDL had won the rebel war it had the right to decide the future.

The *Potential* newspaper said the people of the new Congo feared a return to dictatorship. "They see from the first political acts of the new rulers that we are heading towards a single party state," it said.

Kabila's Foreign Minister Bizima Karaha defended the exclusion of Tshisekedi from the government.

"We are not ready to take nonsense from anyone for whatever reason, just to make sure people are happy. Liberty yes, but revolution first," Karaha said.

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia cannot accept the prospect of former Soviet republics deploying Soviet-made defense systems on behalf of NATO — but may have no other choice, Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov conceded yesterday.

"Now we do not respond in the way we responded, for example, in 1968 to Czechoslovakia. There will be no recurrences of that," Primakov said at a news conference devoted largely to NATO expansion.

With NATO expected to expand into Eastern Europe soon, and former Soviet republics vying for eventual membership, Primakov raised the possibility that Soviet-built defense systems in the Baltics, including early warning systems and naval bases, could be brought into the NATO fold.

If that happened, he said, Russia would be forced to change its newly-forged relationship with NATO. He

did not specify how.

Still, he said, "We have a possibility to handle things in a different way with the Baltic states. We are ready to negotiate with them reliable guarantees of their security to be created with participation or even without participation of Russia ... but without (their) joining NATO."

The Baltic states — Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia — have made it clear that they are interested in joining NATO. They are not expected to be among the first Eastern European states invited to join.

Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic are expected to receive invitations at NATO's summit meeting in July.

Primakov reiterated that Russian President Boris Yeltsin is not expected to attend that meeting. Yeltsin's spokesman had said last month that the president would not be going to Madrid.

Upscale teens arrested in NYC murder

NEW YORK (AP) — Two teenagers from Manhattan homes are accused of killing a 44-year-old man who apparently was sharing late-night beers with them in Central Park.

Daphne Abdela and Christopher Vasquez, both 15 and students at private New York City schools, were charged with second-degree murder and robbery. The Manhattan District Attorney's office said.

The man's body was fished out of Central Park Lake early yesterday after police received an anonymous call that they traced to a girl's Central Park West apartment building.

In the call, the girl led them to her boyfriend, who was arrested at his home in the upscale Upper East Side.

Prosecutors drop charges in US mass child abuse case

EDENTON, North Carolina (AP) — Prosecutors dropped all charges Friday against the last two defendants in one of the most lurid cases of mass child-molestation of the 1980s and the latest to fall apart.

Assistant District Attorney Nancy Lamb said prosecutors decided not to retry Robert F. Kelly Jr., 48, and Kathryn Dawn Wilson, 31, in order to "allow wounds to heal." She said parents were reluctant to let their children testify again.

Kelly and Wilson were among seven people originally charged with molesting 29 children who attended the Little Rascals Day Care Center in this small eastern town on Albemarle Sound.

Kelly, the center's owner, was convicted in 1992 after the longest, most expensive trial in North Carolina history — nine months and more than \$1 million — and was given 12 life sentences. Wilson, a cook at the day care center, was found guilty the next year and sentenced to life.

An appeals court in 1995 reversed the convictions, and the two had faced a retrial on 106

charges — 99 for Kelly, seven for Wilson.

Kelly spent a total of six years behind bars, Wilson four. Both have been free on bail. There was no immediate comment from either.

Across the United States, some experts have raised questions about the truthfulness of testimony from children who were under pressure to talk from parents, psychiatrists and prosecutors at a time when fears of abuse were sweeping the country.

Little Rascals represents the latest in a string of mass abuse cases at day care centers to disintegrate in the courts.

Among the others are the McMartin preschool case in California, the Margaret Kelly Michaels case in New Jersey and the Fells Acres case in Massachusetts.

Children testified that Kelly forced them to perform oral and anal sex and took pictures of them having sex with other children. Prosecutors acknowledged they didn't find any pictures. Children also said Kelly and female and male adults had sex in front of them.

Last major bastion falls to Taliban

MAZAR-E-SHARIF (AP) — Tanks flying the white Taliban flag rolled into the stronghold of northern warlord Rashid Dostum, as the last defenses crumbled yesterday against the Islamic army's three-day sweep of Afghanistan.

With the Taliban in control of this ancient city, Afghanistan was virtually united under one regime for the first time since the Soviet army left in 1989 — barring a few pockets of resistance.

Taliban soldiers ripped down giant posters of Dostum from traffic posts, pillars and public buildings as the remnants of his army fled toward the Uzbekistan and Tajikistan borders about 60 km to the north.

Some Taliban soldiers fired their submachine guns at Dostum's picture. Troops chanted, "God is great." Jeeps, tanks and personnel carriers rumbled through the mostly unpaved streets as residents watched from the side.

On the lead tank was General Malik Pahlawan, Dostum's second-in-command whose defection last Monday to the Taliban marked the beginning of Dostum's downfall.

The Taliban victory was a boost to Pakistan, which had sponsored its creation from the chaos of feuding Afghan militias following the ouster of the Soviet-backed regime in 1992.

But the proximity of the Taliban will cause apprehension in the Central Asian republics to the north, which had supported Dostum in the

hope that he would shield their Moslem populations from the Taliban's radical Islamic influence.

Earlier yesterday, Pahlawan seized Dostum's home town and western headquarters at Sheberghan. The commander of Dostum's air force, General Jamil, and three other pilots flew their fighter planes to Kabul and defected, and were joined later by more pilots who arrived by helicopter.

The fall of Sheberghan put Mazar-e-Sharif within reach, just 125 km across an open, desolate plain with no barrier against an attacking force.

The only provinces left outside Taliban control were Takhar, parts of Kunduz and Baghlan, and the northwestern province of Badakhshan.

Gender-equality issue tops Arctic election

By DAVID CRAWY

TORONTO (AP) — Canada's debate over women's role in politics shifts to the far north tomorrow when Inuits vote on whether to create a unique legislature that would guarantee equal numbers of seats for men and women.

At issue is whether Nunavut, an Inuit-governed territory to be established in the eastern Canadian Arctic in 1999, reserves half the seats in its 22-member legislature for women. But the pro and con arguments echo those sounded across the country in recent months.

In March, Prime Minister Jean Chretien incurred sharp criticism, even from within his own Liberal Party, when he appointed four women as parliamentary candidates rather than allowing open nomination meetings in those districts.

"I find it an insult to me and all women,"

said Elsie Wayne, a Parliament member for the opposition Progressive Conservatives. "You should be able to stand up there and sell yourself and, if not, the other person should win."

Chretien and others who believe women need a hand in entering politics argue that men often have better fund-raising networks and lighter family responsibilities.

But the Liberal Party undermined its pro-women image by compiling an election guide that provided wardrobe tips for female candidates.

"Your wardrobe says a lot about you," said the guide. "It should get as much care as the politics that you defend, your strategy, and your election team." Even some Liberals were embarrassed by the guide, and opposition parties had a field day with it.

"When I first read it, I thought it was some kind of joke," said Pierrette Verne, a Parliament member for the separatist Bloc

Quebecois. "I find it retrograde and demeaning."

Chretien insisted his intervention was needed to ensure the Liberals met their goal of having women running in 25 percent of Canada's 301 parliamentary districts in the June 2 federal election. By the deadline in early May, the party met the goal with 84 women candidates — 28 percent.

The outgoing Parliament has 295 seats, and 53 of them — 18 percent — are held by women. Many women feel that number, though an all-time high, is disgracefully low, but there is deep disagreement as to whether special breaks are justified or demeaning.

In Nunavut, the proposal before voters would establish two separate lists of candidates in each legislative election. Each district would elect one man and one woman.

A panel which toured remote communities to prepare for the referendum heard

sharply contrasting views.

"I see the battle of the sexes," said Paul Quassa of Igloodik, an island community between the tip of the mainland and Baffin Island. "I don't think we're fully prepared or planned for this proposal." But other Inuits said gender equity might bring more attention to issues such as child care and health care.

John Anagoalik, who heads the agency laying the groundwork for Nunavut's creation, supports the gender-equal legislature and says it would be the first of its type in the world.

He says the legislature would reflect old traditions of Inuit society in which men and women divided work and responsibilities equally.

Nunavut, which has 18,000 residents, is now part of the Northwest Territories and only one of its 10 territorial legislatures is a women.

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Indonesian mob torches church

BANJARMASIN, Indonesia (Reuters) - A residential area in the center of Banjarmasin was still burning yesterday, 24 hours after a rampaging mob torched a church and set homes, a hotel and a shopping complex ablaze on the last day of Indonesia's general election campaign.

Troops and police stood guard at intersections and sealed off burned out areas, including the town's main four-star Hotel Kalimantan and a multi-level complex in the main shopping district.

The town, the capital of South Kalimantan province on Indonesia's side of Borneo island, was tense yesterday, but the violence had died down and police imposed a curfew from eight p.m. to five a.m.

The official Antara news agency quoted police as saying four people had died in the rioting after being trapped in burning buildings. A

local source said one body was found in the burnt hotel. Police said they had arrested 50 people.

Town residents said the first signs of trouble came when supporters of Indonesia's ruling Golkar party paraded through the streets and were confronted by partisans of the Moslem-oriented United Development Party (PPP).

The riot started when angry Moslems poured out of mosques after Friday noon prayers and went on a rampage, marching up and down the streets and hurling stones at churches and Chinese shops.

The Batak Protestant church, about a half km (quarter mile) from a huge mosque, listed in guidebooks as the second largest in Indonesia, was attacked about 5 p.m., the church caretaker said.

"They came at five o'clock. They took out the chairs and tables and burned the chairs and tables in the

street and then burned the church.

"That means it's been going on for 24 hours," he said pointing to the smoke still rising from the ruins. Only one wall of the wooden church was left standing.

Residents said six other churches had been looted or stoned.

The flames from the Batak church spread to a residential area behind the building which the caretaker - who refused to give his name - said housed some 500 families. Flimsy shacks vanished in the blaze, while a three-storey apartment block was gutted.

The homes closest to the church belonged to Chinese, who are a frequent target of rioting Moslem mobs in Indonesia. Moslem homes lying further back were also destroyed.

A Chinese woman sifting through the debris of her home said perhaps the Moslems were jealous of Chinese wealth.

McVeigh defense witness changes her story

DENVER (AP) - A bombing survivor who was supposed to back Timothy McVeigh's claim of innocence told a different story Friday, testifying she saw a light-skinned man get out of a Ryder truck in front of the federal building moments before the blast.

Daina Bradley, who lost two children, her mother and a leg in the April 19, 1995, explosion, previously said she saw only one person get out of the truck, an olive-skinned man who bore no resemblance to Timothy McVeigh.

Ms. Bradley testified Friday that she saw two men, the olive-skinned man and a light-skinned man who got out of the driver's side of the truck.

McVeigh, 29, faces murder and

conspiracy charges and could get the death penalty if convicted. The explosion killed 168 people and injured 500 others in the deadliest act of terrorism on US soil.

McVeigh has a light complexion, but Daina Bradley couldn't say for sure whether McVeigh was the light-skinned man she saw.

"You have never said that Timothy McVeigh was the person who got out of the truck, have you," asked defense attorney Cheryl Ramsey.

"No," Ms. Bradley replied, adding that both men walked away very quickly in different directions.

The defense attorney then took Ms. Bradley through several pre-trial interviews in which she never

mentioned the light-skinned man.

"I don't remember half the things I said," Ms. Bradley said.

Ms. Bradley then put her head down and clasped her hands in front of her face. She was given a break to talk with her attorney. McVeigh stared intently at her.

Previously, she told FBI agents the man she saw get out of the truck resembled the sketch of John Doe No. 2, who investigators have since acknowledged depicts a man not involved in the bombing.

Under cross-examination, US Attorney Patrick Ryan suggested Ms. Bradley's memory might be faulty. "Yes," she replied. "You can tell me one thing one week, and I would forget it the next week."



The space shuttle Atlantis lands at Cape Canaveral yesterday.

(Reuters)

Atlantis returns to Earth

Astronaut's trying Mir mission ends

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) - Space shuttle Atlantis returned to Earth yesterday, ending astronaut Jerry Linenger's trying and at times perilous four-month mission aboard Russia's orbiting Mir station.

Atlantis swooped through a somewhat overcast early morning sky and touched down 1 hour 30 minutes late because of thick, low clouds that gradually scattered as the sun rose.

Mission Control waited until the last minute before directing Atlantis and its seven-member crew home - to the delight of Linenger and his family, separated since January.

"Feeling great and good to be home," Linenger said after the shuttle rolled to a stop.

Wife Kathryn and the couple's 18-month-old son, John, waited at the runway to welcome him back from the aging Mir station.

NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin also showed up - with presents. At Linenger's request, Goldin brought tulips that the astronaut could give to his wife, who is eight months' pregnant.

The director also had a teddy bear for John - the stuffed animal was dressed in a NASA T-shirt - and a rattle for the boy's new brother or sister.

"He couldn't go to a store out in space... they're really his presents, they're not mine," Goldin explained to reporters.

Mission Control congratulated the shuttle pilots for their successful nine-day Mir resupply

flight and offered "a special welcome home for Jerry." Linenger was whisked into medical tests as soon as he was out of the shuttle.

At 132 days, Linenger spent more time in space than any other American except for Shannon Lucid, whose 1996 Mir mission lasted 188 days.

Linenger, a 42-year-old doctor, left for Mir aboard Atlantis on Jan. 12. The shuttle returned for him last week, docking with the station on May 16 and dropping off his replacement, Michael Foale, for a four-month stay.

The Atlantis crew delivered a new oxygen generator - assuring Foale and his two Russian crewmates of sufficient air - and

crucial repair equipment to the 11-year-old outpost, which has been in orbit six years longer than its designers intended.

Mir's age showed during Linenger's stay. Among the problems were a fire, the failure of oxygen generators, the malfunction of a carbon dioxide-removal system and a leaky cooling system that caused soaring heat and humidity. The three Mir men had to breathe the leaking antifreeze fumes.

NASA chief Goldin praised Linenger for the "integrity and extreme courage" he exhibited aboard Mir. Even the head of the Russian Space Agency, Yuri Koptev, was impressed, complimenting NASA for choosing "people with the right stuff."

May 25 Sunday
Cornerstone-laying of the **Henwood-Oshry Life Sciences Teaching Laboratories Building** in the presence of **Rosalind Henwood and Harold Oshry, USA**

Cornerstone-laying of the **Toman Family Department of Life Sciences Building**

Festive evening honoring **Ruth and Dr. Heinz-Horst Deichmann** for their promotion of economic cooperation between Israel and the Palestinian Authority
Guest of Honor: **Amos Oz** - "Peace through Cooperation"

May 26 Monday
Opening Plenary Session of the **27th Board of Governors Meeting**
Reelection of **President Avishay Braverman** for an additional term
Guests of Honor: **Prof. Nehemia Levtzion**, Chairman of the Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education
Edgar de Picciotto - "The Vitality of Applied Research at BGU"

Dedication of the **Judith and Murray H. Shusterman Wing of the Medical Library** in the presence of **Judith and Murray H. Shusterman, USA**
Naming of the **Moshe Prywes Center for Medical Education** in the presence of **Prof. Moshe Prywes**, Guest of Honor: **Dr. Yitzhak Peterburg**, Director-General of Kupat Holim Clalit

Dedication of the **Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies and Diplomacy** in the presence of **Aura Herzog and members of the Herzog Family**
Guests of Honor: **Amr Moussa**, Foreign Minister of Egypt, **David Levy**, Foreign Minister of Israel, **US Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan**
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Sunday, May 25 - Thursday, May 29, 1997

SPECIAL EVENTS AND CEREMONIES

May 27 Tuesday
Dedication of the **Els Wyler Center for the Peaceful Utilization of Natural Resources** in the presence of **Els and Martin Wyler**, Switzerland with the participation of **Robert H. Arnow**, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Governors, and **Yuval Rabin**

Cornerstone-laying and establishment of the **Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies** in the presence of **Ilse Katz**, Switzerland
Guest of Honor: **Shimon Peres**

Conferment of Honorary Doctoral Degrees upon:
Ruth Dayan, Israel
Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, USA
Dr. Ferdinand Piech, Germany
Prof. Howard Raiffa, USA
Prof. Zvi Yavetz, Israel

Presentation of a **Lifetime Achievement Award** to **Ilse Katz**, Switzerland

In the presence of the **President of the State of Israel**, **Ezer Weizman**, and his wife **Reuma**

May 28 Wednesday
Inauguration of new chairs:
The Deichmann Chair in Business Ethics in the presence of **Ruth and Dr. Heinz-Horst Deichmann**, Germany

The Philip S. Morse Family Chair of Clinical Studies in Rheumatology
Incumbent: **Prof. Shaul Sukenik**, Faculty of Health Sciences
In the presence of **Philip S. Morse, USA**

The Marsha and Kenneth Tucker Chair in Economic Development
Incumbent: **Prof. Jimmy Weinblatt**, Department of Economics, and Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
In the presence of **Marsha and Kenneth Tucker, USA**
Guest Lecturer: **Prof. Zvi Yavetz** - "Time and Spirit of the Time (Zeitgeist) in History"

Unveiling of new names on the Founders Wall

Unveiling of new names on the Ben-Gurion Wall

The **Kreitman School of Advanced Graduate Studies Annual Kreitman Lecture: Prof. Howard Raiffa**, Harvard University - "Negotiating Joint Gains"

Baroque-style Evening featuring an opera selection and festive dinner held by the Department of Hebrew Literature at the closing of the conference - "Hebrew Creativity in Italy - Commemorating the 300th Anniversary of the Death of Rabbi Moshe Zacut"

May 29 Thursday
The Zlotowski Center for Neurosciences Lecture - "The Study of Epilepsy: A Window onto the Brain" by **Prof. Michael Gutnick**, Director of the Zlotowski Center for Neurosciences, and incumbent of the Lawrence and Marie Feldman Chair in Neurophysiology in the presence of **Suzanne Zlotowski**, Switzerland

Dedication of the **Sports, Recreation and Communal Centre**, established through the generosity of an anonymous donor from Great Britain in the presence of **Hyman Kreitman**, Honorary Chairman of the Board of Governors, and **Harold Paisner**, Chairman of the Ben-Gurion University Foundation, Great Britain



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When opening a heart saves a life

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Parents in Moldova, Ethiopia, Gaza and Hebron send their children — weak, lethargic, their skin sometimes tinged blue from lack of oxygen — to a Holon Hospital. Three weeks later, returned to their parents, the youngsters are able to kick around a soccer ball.

Since early last year, the open-heart surgery and rehabilitation have been offered completely free of charge by an altruistic team of volunteers at Wolfson Hospital's pediatric cardiology department.

Led by department head Dr. Amram Cohen, the Save a Child program is unique in the world — repairing more foreign young hearts free than any other hospital in the world.

The idea originated in 1988, when Harriet Hodges, founder of a voluntary organization called Save the Hearts, asked Dr. Cohen — then serving in the US military in Seoul, Korea — if he would operate on some of the children in her program. Hodges was committed to sending 300 poor South Korean children to Western countries for treatment; since her budget was limited, she sent the children to the medical centers with the most reasonable price. Cohen, who was chief of pediatric surgery at the prestigious Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and on a tour of duty in Korea, agreed and performed 35 such operations in Seoul. Bitten by the bug of helping the helpless, Cohen decided to launch his own program when he came on aliya in 1992 and was hired to head the Wolfson pediatric cardiac

surgery unit.

Last year, 46 youngsters (including 15 from the Palestinian Authority) had life-saving open-heart surgery at Wolfson, and 150 — 30 Ethiopians, 30 Moldovans, 22 Gazans, 20 Hebronites, 18 Eritreans and 30 Kazakhs — are due to be treated this year. In 1998, Save a Child hopes to reach its maximum possible capacity, at least for the time being, of 250 patients.

Cohen, a big, mustachioed man who was born in the US capital, lived in Israel as a child in the Sixties and returned with his family to Silver Spring, Maryland, to attend high school. Johns Hopkins University and the University of Virginia Medical School. He studied the specialty of surgery at Walter Reed and at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, and of pediatric cardiac surgery at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Now a dual US-Israeli citizen, he continues to serve in the US army as a lieutenant-colonel in the reserves. "I go back for three weeks a year of reserve duty," Cohen explains. "Some US hospitals do three or four *pro bono* heart operations on needy foreign children a year. There are many volunteer groups that deal with cardiology, but few offer free heart surgery to correct congenital defects in children."

Cohen managed to persuade the management of Wolfson — a government hospital headed by Dr. Moshe Mashiah — to agree to the project; since the operations are performed by doctors and nurses in the late afternoons and evenings on their own time, the



Dr. Amram Cohen with children who have undergone open-heart surgery through the 'Save a Child' program.

program doesn't come at the expense of Wolfson's regular patients. The other volunteer personnel include Dr. Lior Sasson (a surgeon who will soon be sent to California for a year for formal studies in pediatric cardiac surgery — the volume of cases there is large enough to provide expertise in all the various types of operations); pediatric cardiologist Dr. Akiva Tamir, pediatric intensive-care unit director Dr. Sion Hour, intensive-care staff physician Dr. Yoram Ben-Yehuda, pediatric anesthesiologist Dr. Deeb

Zabeeda and a dozen or so Wolfson nurses. Sally Esakov, a hospital staffer, donates her time to serve as administrative coordinator of the program, which involves complicated logistics and organization.

In order to choose candidates for surgery, Cohen and some of his colleagues travel to the country where the children live once or twice a year. They and local doctors examine them and the most suitable ones are chosen to come to Israel. Groups of youngsters are arranged so that older children are matched with

younger ones during the flight. Met at the airport by Save a Child personnel who speak their language, they are taken to a residence not far from the Holon hospital and supervised by adults as they adjust to Israeli time. After the surgery, they are cared for in intensive care until they are well enough to be moved to the regular pediatric department and from there to the residence to complete their recovery. Three weeks later, they fly home, better than new, and are met with local doctors who ensure proper follow-up.

The cost for all this is \$10,000 per child, including flights and accommodations — a very low figure due to all the work by volunteers.

Funds to cover expenses are raised by Cohen and his family and the Wolfson Cardiac Foundation in Rockville, Maryland, with support from the Joint Distribution Committee and the blessings of the Foreign Ministry's Department for International Cooperation (Mashhav). The Herzliya Medical Center has donated its catheterization lab for free diagnostic examinations of the children.

The more money that is raised, the greater the number of operations that could be performed, says Cohen. The hospital's facilities currently limit the annual number to 250, but if that maximum is reached, he will seek local and foreign volunteers from other hospitals, and may even "farm out" some patients to other Israeli medical centers.

There are, at present, seven pediatric cardiac surgeons in Israel, together performing some 400 open-heart operations (to repair or replace defective valves and other congenital defects). "There used to be about 800 annually in the country, but many of them are now never born, as serious defects can be detected during pregnancy and are aborted as fetuses. It isn't yet technically possible to repair such fetal defects in the womb."

While some parents — mostly haredim and Arabs — decide to continue the pregnancy, the risks are relatively high, and 10% of the babies die soon after birth.

"There is no queue for such heart surgery here; none of us are overworked," Cohen says. There is no reason to send a baby with a congenital heart defect abroad today, a situation that existed as late as the Eighties, he continues, as he and his colleagues have been well trained here and abroad.

Although the young foreign patients are the main beneficiaries of the program, Cohen says that he and his team gain as well. "We deal with cases that we wouldn't ordinarily confront in Israel, where babies are diagnosed and treated quickly. Children from abroad tend to come older, sometimes at an age beyond the limit of surgery here. And because we can't count on the same type of follow-up and drug treatment there that we give here, we often repair faulty heart valves instead of replacing them completely."

Word about the success of the project has gotten out, and requests for inclusion in the program have been informally made by Nigeria, Kenya and China. "We will do our best. In some countries, there are 400 or 500 children waiting in their local hospital's queue for heart surgery but only a handful are accepted, or local facilities may be unable to offer such treatment at all."

For more information and donations, Save a Child can be contacted at (03) 502-8723 or (09) 955-9528; by e-mail at info@wolfsoncardiac.org or at the Wolfson Cardiac Foundation, c/o Kamerow, Weinraub and Swain, Suite 800, 11400 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-3004.

HEALTH SCAN



Some barbecues can be hazardous to your health.

Watch your bite!

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Don't bite off more than you can chew, and watch out for the skewers, warn doctors at Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava, who treated 10 people — aged three to 76 — who were injured while eating at Independence Day barbecues.

Prof. Dov Ofir, director of the hospital's ear-nose-and-throat department, says that children should be especially careful when eating meat from wooden or metallic skewers. A three-year-old girl was brought in on Independence Day with a piece of wooden skewer stuck in her throat. She was rushed to the operating room for surgery under a general anesthetic to prevent hemorrhaging and choking. Fortunately, due to the quick action, she was saved. Eight other patients with similar injuries were treated there the same day, but fortunately they required only a partial anesthetic as an esophageal scope was used to pull the foreign body out of their throats.

The 76-year-old patient was a man with dentures who had bitten off a hefty, 100-gram chunk of steak and tried to swallow it. It got stuck in his throat and had to be pulled out. Ofir stressed that many people with dentures don't chew their food enough and don't feel the prick of skewers and other foreign objects. Thus, he says, they should be especially careful when eating.

GYNECOLOGISTS OPT FOR KEYHOLE SURGERY

The "keyhole" method of surgery is now used for a third of all gynecological operations in Israel, and complications involve an average of just 3.5 cases out of 1,000 women who undergo the procedure.

Dr. Motti Pansky of the gynecology department at Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tzrifin, who examined 1,500 cases of endoscopic surgery used in gynecological departments, noted that the method is becoming increasingly popular among doctors and patients alike. Small punctures are made in the skin to insert a tiny optic fiber, surgical implements and an air tube to inflate the area. Bleeding is drastically reduced, as is recovery time. Speaking at a recent Assaf Harofeh seminar on the use of endoscopy in gynecological surgery, Pansky said it is the

method of choice for treating mechanical fertility problems (involving blockages in the fallopian tubes or the problems with the ovaries), removal of ovarian cysts, hysterectomies, and halting urine leakage due to the "sinking" of the bladder.

Doctors at the seminar noted that complications were most frequent among obese and very thin women. In very overweight patients, it was difficult to estimate the thickness of the fat layers through which the endoscope has to be pushed; in very thin women, there was a greater risk of harming internal organs by pushing the endoscope in too forcefully.

Prof. Karl Levinson, an expert in the field from Stanford University in California, said that Israel should adopt the formal training requirements demanded of gynecological surgeons in the US for permission to perform such keyhole surgery.

NO AIDS VACCINE ON HORIZON

Hopes for a vaccine that could protect mankind against AIDS may be over-optimistic, warns Dr. Robert Gallo, the co-discoverer of the fatal virus. Medical science may never find a vaccine to protect against AIDS because the infection poses unique problems that may be unsolvable, said Gallo, who heads the University of Maryland's Institute of Human Virology, at a recent US symposium.

"It's safe to say that we know more about this virus and this disease than we know about any other," he said. But there are a number of high hurdles that may prevent a vaccine from ever being developed, AP reported.

There is no cheap, short-lived laboratory animal that can be infected with HIV for the testing of vaccines. In addition, HIV constantly mutates, so often there are a variety of HIV strains within a single patient. To be effective, a vaccine would have to protect against each strain.

The HIV virus integrates itself into the body, becoming part of the DNA in cells of the immune system. To be protective, a vaccine has to prime the immune system against a microbe. "We don't know if the immune system could be primed to do that against HIV," said Gallo. Finally, protection may require that every single virus in the body is killed, a trick that is not required of other vaccines.

Exercise can alleviate Parkinson's disease

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Exercise is recommended not only for feeling fit and slipping into last year's bathing suit; it can also improve the physical and mental condition of Parkinson's disease victims.

In honor of International Parkinson's Disease Day, which was held last month, a Hebrew-language booklet and videocassette demonstrating exercises especially beneficial for such patients have been released. The two guides were both financed by the pharmaceutical company CTS, which produces the Parkinson's drug Selegiline. Although they were produced by two different experts and don't have exactly the same exercises, both the tape and the booklet are available from the Israel Parkinson Group, which is based in Kiryat Bialik and has a branch in Jerusalem.

There are an estimated 10,000 Parkinson patients in Israel, but many are ashamed even to admit that they suffer from the neurological disease. The more mobile ones whose condition is less noticeable may be reluctant to go to meetings and encounter patients in wheelchairs who have been hit more forcefully by the disorder or are at an advanced stage.

Parkinson's is a slowly developing disorder that causes damage to brain

cells. The first symptoms include tremors, a mask-like face and movements of the fingers that look like one is rolling pills with them. Later, patients may develop a shuffling gait, a slightly bent-over posture, rigid muscles and weakness. They may drool, find it difficult to withstand the heat, be emotionally unstable and have judgment problems (but only rarely is their ability to think or reason affected), and their symptoms are exacerbated by tiredness, frustration or excitement. It may also run in families. Although the onset is most often after the age of 60, there are younger patients, even in their late 40s, some of whom contract the disease after a bout of encephalitis or poisoning by certain metals or drugs.

There is a growing variety of drugs to ameliorate the condition, but these may cause side effects, and nothing yet has been found to cure Parkinson's, whose cause is not really understood.

"It's really a difficult disease, but patients can be helped," declares Naomi Klarfeld, an experienced, British-born physiotherapist who specializes in exercise with old people and authored the 38-page exercise booklet. Klarfeld, who started working after her aliya in 1969 at Bnei Zion (then Rothschild) Hospital in Haifa, now divides her time between Kupat Holim Clalit's

Lin Clinic and the old-age home in Ahuza.

"I'm often the first person the patient encounters after given their diagnosis by a doctor. They're terrified, wondering what will happen to them and whether their children will get it. It's very sad that people are ashamed of having the disease, because many of them completely change their lifestyle, even though they don't have to," says the physiotherapist. "Embarrassed by hand tremors or posture problems, they tend to go out of the house less and abandon things that give them pleasure. Some are so ashamed that they haven't even informed their children that they have Parkinson's. If they would admit it, and become active in the Parkinson's Group, they could hear the latest developments, get emotional and practical support, go on organized trips and feel better."

Although exercise does not eliminate the symptoms, Klarfeld explains, it can moderate them, making muscles more flexible, helping patients to relax and reduce their anxiety. It can also reduce drooling and improve speech and diction. Swimming and hydrotherapy can also be very helpful.

Klarfeld often consults with Parkinson's Group neurologist Dr. Nir Giladi of Ichilov Hospital, as well as other doctors, when she is confronted with a particularly diffi-

cult case and wants to suit an exercise regimen to the patient.

"I had a young man in his late 40s, a very unusual case, who developed very severe psychiatric problems. He couldn't function on any level and medications weren't working. I designed a twice-weekly exercise program for him. Slowly he came back to himself. Now we play ball together, and he can wash himself."

In the more common cases involving old people, patients who exercise find that they have more appetite, sleep better and feel good overall, get out and go to their pensioners' club again, Klarfeld relates. The exercise booklet provides detailed explanations, drawings and photographs of actual patients at the old-age home in Ahuza. None are extremely strenuous, but patients who fear exercising for the first time in their lives can start with facial exercises involving the tongue, mouth and eyes. One doesn't have to be a Parkinson's patient to follow the routine, she says. Any elderly person — or indeed anyone of any age — can benefit from the therapy. She wishes she had funding to translate and print it in English and other languages, but even those who don't understand Hebrew could follow the diagrams quite easily.

The video, produced by Ichilov's Parkinson's disease unit with hospital physiotherapist Yael Rotem-

Gallit, is very helpful in that patients can exercise along with her while watching their TV screen. Two Parkinson's patients appear at her side, bolstering the viewers' feeling that they can do them even in their condition.

Using both the video and the booklet would be the best way to follow an exercise regimen of at least 15 minutes a day. But failing that, the booklet alone is very useful.

The Israel Parkinson's Group, established four years ago by Yitzhak Mehrzad of Kiryat Bialik, offers monthly meetings in Haifa and Jerusalem, with lectures on the latest advances and advice from physicians and other professionals. Members also go on trips — sometimes for the first time in many years.

"At the latest vacation, in a Zichron Ya'acov hotel, a man accompanied his wife, whom he wheeled into the room. When he took her in her arms and they danced, there wasn't a dry eye in the house," recalls Klarfeld.

The booklet, *Targilim Hitamlut Leholet Parkinson*, can be obtained for NIS 20 from the Israel Parkinson's Group, P.O.B. 635, Kiryat Bialik, 27100, tel. (04) 871-6668. The videocassette is available for NIS 12 plus handling. One can become a member of the group for a NIS 50 annual fee.

R* FOR READERS

Vitamin E boosts immune system

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

I read in a news magazine that giving large doses of vitamin E — 200 milligrams a day — is helpful in boosting the immune system of elderly patients to fight off infections. Is this true? Are there any side effects? Would such a dosage help younger people fight off infections as well, or would it be harmful? R.N., Beer Sheva.

Prof. Zvi Ben-Zvi, a clinical immunologist at Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot, comments: Such doses of vitamin E are not harmful to elderly or younger people. They will not cause side effects. As an antioxidant, it has been found to boost the immune system and help fight against infections. Unfortunately, not enough doctors prescribe it routinely for patients who need it.

We are former immigrants from the US.

My 12-year-old daughter, who was born here, recently underwent a tuberculin skin test in school. They pricked the skin on her arm and it swelled up in a little mound on her arm almost immediately. All of her classmates, except one, had the same reaction, and she was given an injection by the school nurse. What does the reaction mean, and what injection was given? A.Z., Tel Aviv.

Prof. Ben-Zvi answers this one as well: These skin tests are done on schoolchildren to find out whether natural immunity to TB in the population is strong enough. Some health authorities have argued that there is no need for TB vaccine to be given to all children, while others claim there is. The skin tests give a good indication.

A positive reaction, as you described in your daughter, means that she was exposed to TB here without getting sick herself and thus has natural immunity. This is a good thing. If a

child gets an exaggerated reaction to the skin test, the case should be further investigated to find out why. The child who had no reaction did not have natural immunity and thus was given the vaccine, which is safe when injected in people with a normal immune system.

I've heard that prolonged reading in certain conditions, such as in poorly lit places or while traveling on a bus, will permanently impair the eyes' ability to focus. Is this true? M.H., age 17, central Israel.

Dr. Sissy Ronen, a senior ophthalmologist at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, replies: While it's recommended to read under optimal conditions, such a practice won't harm the sight of most people. There are some who have a tendency to lose focus, especially when the object or text they are looking at is moving. They find it hard to hold their gaze, and this scares and frustrates them. It can be corrected

with eye exercise or glasses, and the damage is not permanent. Reading in poor light is not recommended, but it won't cause permanent damage.

At Shaare Zedek some time ago, we studied yeshiva students to determine whether their constant moving (*shokeling*) during prayer or study is a cause of deteriorating eyesight. We found that it was only one factor out of many, and that the most important one was genetic.

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Iran's second revolution

Those used to the image of Iran as a dark, fundamentalist, and xenophobic dictatorship may find it hard to come to terms with a landslide surprise win by a known moderate in this weekend's presidential elections.

Iran is far from a model democracy, of course — unless it is compared with almost any Arab state except Yemen and, maybe, Jordan. But it also is far from the clichéd image of Western propaganda, as this election clearly shows. One of the unpalatable facts about Iran is that its anti-Western stance has not been merely the convenient invention of a fanatical leadership to divert attention from domestic problems. By and large it has been a policy popular with most Iranians outside the upper and middle classes. The hatred of the United States stemmed from persistent American interference in Iranian affairs, especially the CIA's coup in the 1950s, which brought Shah Pahlavi to despotism. It was pure hatred of the oppressive Shah that paved the way for Ayatollah Khomeini's revolution in 1979 and that hatred, fueled by Islamic fanaticism, was transferred to the Shah's two best friends, the United States and Israel.

Although President-elect Mohammed Khatami campaigned on maintaining the state's hostility to the US and Israel while improving relations with other Western countries, there may be room for some hope that, with the election rhetoric over, some thaw in the attitude to the "great and little Satans" might emerge. Nonetheless, it must not be forgotten that Rafsanjani, too, was first admired as a moderate and pragmatic man. With hindsight it can be seen that he was — but only when compared with the uncompromising fanaticism of Khomeini, whom he succeeded as leader.

Khatami must now travel the road Rafsanjani had hoped to take — but was pushed off of it by the religious successors of Khomeini. After 18 years of revolutionary rhetoric, Iranians — particularly the young — have signaled that they want change. The religious establishment surrounded, suffocated, and eventually defeated Rafsanjani. It might find Khatami a tougher nut to crack when he has such a powerful domestic mandate. There is little doubt the mullahs were shocked by the result — they backed the wrong candidate, the ultra-conservative speaker of parliament Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri. But that is no guarantee the religious will concede power and influence easily.

Like religious fanatics in any country with a strong institutionalized faith, the final weapon of the clergy against any leader is the accusation of being irreligious. On the other hand, Khatami is himself a cleric with a sharp intellect, one who can give as good as he gets in a religious dispute. But it is his reputation as an open-minded and tolerant man that brought widely different supporters flocking hopefully to his

banner. Even some senior clerics have backed him, as well as lay intellectuals, Western-style liberals, and those who provided his real landslide — the mass of women and young people.

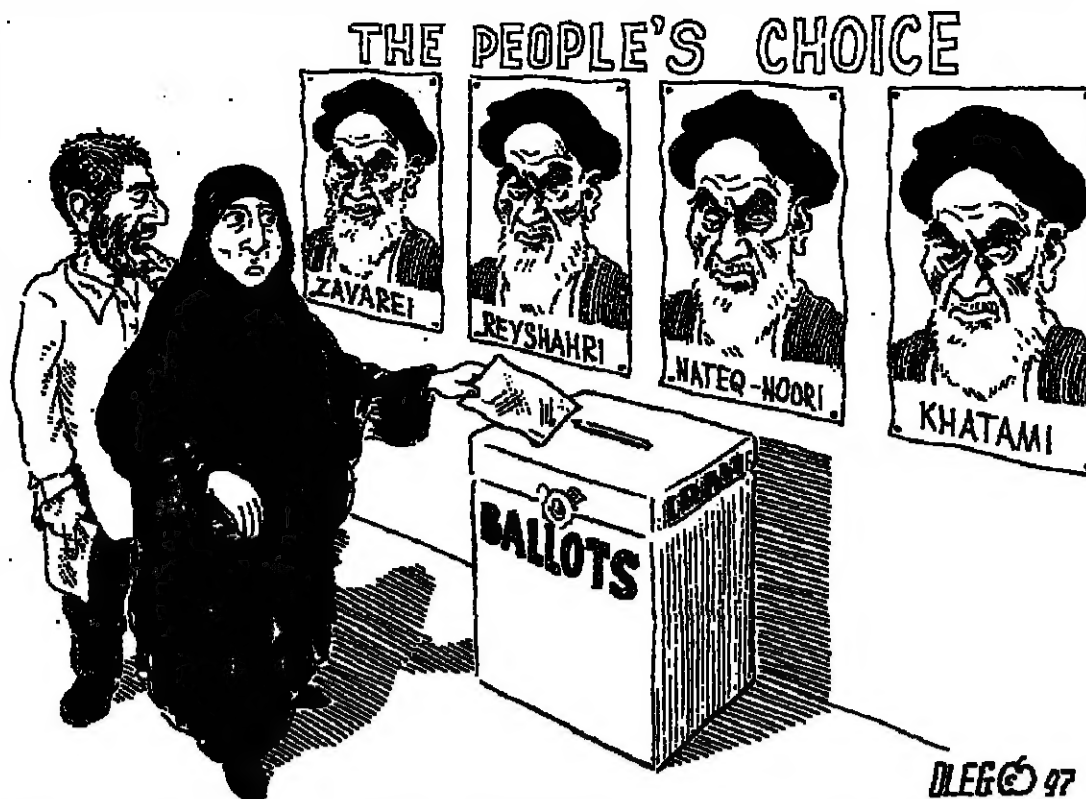
Khatami has all the potential for changing Iran. He has degrees in philosophy and has lived in Europe — in addition to Farsi he speaks English, German, and Arabic. Most amazingly for an Islamic cleric, especially in Iran, he openly attributes his success to his wife. He gave a recent interview to the main women's monthly magazine *Zanan*, in which he said he has no objection to women ministers in government.

With Khatami clearly elected for his libertarian tendencies, the main questions are how much space for maneuver will he have, and how will he change Iran's foreign policy? Regarding foreign policy, the short answer may be "not much." The early indications are that, despite his cosmopolitan leanings, Khatami was elected for serious domestic reasons and his will be a seriously domestic government. As to his room for maneuver, "not much" could well be the answer, too. The presidency is the top elected office in Iran, but the point made above about Iran being far from a proper democracy is highly relevant. While the election was free and fair, and indeed produced a major upset, it must not be forgotten that only those candidates approved by the religious guardians of the state were allowed to stand in the first place.

The president in fact takes a mere second place to the unelected supreme spiritual leader — the office held by the Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Khomeini's successor, who has the last word over all operations of government, on the premise that they must be inspected for Islamic righteousness. And pro-clergy conservatives retain control of the 270-seat Majlis, which must approve each of Khatami's ministers.

Khamenei may retain firm control of Iran's foreign policy — which means there will be no reprieve for British author Salman Rushdie and the death fatwa on him, a major bone of contention with the West. Interestingly also, Iran's veteran foreign minister of 18 years, Ali Akbar Velayati, strongly backed Khatami's opponent, Nateq-Nouri. Foreign policy watchers abroad will be keen to see if any signs of strain or conflict emerge between the new president and a foreign minister backed by the powerful Khamenei.

As far as Israel is concerned, it would be unwise to expect any easing of Iran's implacable hostility — at least in public, and not in the short term. The defense establishment undoubtedly will be watching closely for any change in Teheran's support for Hizbullah and must be alert to any winds of change, regardless of the direction, that may blow up in the most important non-Arab state in the Middle East after Turkey.



Let's talk compensation

While talks with the Palestinians have been on hold for quite some time now, there is good reason to believe that, sooner or later — probably sooner — they will be jump-started again.

Recent weeks have held signs that among all the issues in the talks, one will loom large: Palestinian and other Arab demands that Israel pay compensation for former Arab lands and properties it took over in the course of several wars and that damages be awarded to Palestinian victims of the intifada, which stretched from 1987-93.

In March, former Jordanian information minister Marwan Muasher (since appointed ambassador to Washington) told a Jordanian newspaper that Jordan had not yet received a formal reply from Israel to its demand that Israel return all lands and properties confiscated under its 1951 absentee property law from former residents of Palestine who are today citizens of Jordan.

The Jordanians raised this demand shortly after the signing of the peace treaty with Israel in 1994.

We may expect these demands to take on renewed urgency in light of the recent opening up of State Archive records from the early 1950s.

Yossi Melman of *Ha'aretz* has been studying this material. He recently wrote about Israel government deliberations in 1951, in which then foreign minister Moshe Sharett reported international assessments of the value of land and other property left behind by the 600,000 Palestinian refugees who fled in the wake of the 1948 war.

These were assessed at \$1 billion — in today's terms, well over \$6b.

To which one should add the recent phenomenon of Palestinian victims of the intifada in the territories applying to the Israeli courts for payment of compensation for damages and suffering

YOSEF GOELL

they underwent as a consequence of Israel's quashing of that popular uprising.

Over 4,000 such demands for compensation have already been filed with Israeli courts, and some Israeli officials fear that if the courts order payment of liberal compensation, many additional thousands of claims will be submitted.

There is no doubt that the Palestinians — collectively and individually — have suffered griev-

Not all suffering can be given a price tag, but much can. The Palestinians are totting theirs up — so must Israel

ously as a result of their protracted conflict with Israel.

But equally, there is no doubt that, in the final analysis, those losses and that suffering were primarily self-inflicted.

THE Palestinians and their immediate Arab allies have spent the better part of the past half-century trying to undo by war and terrorism the international decision of 1947 to establish a Jewish state in the area of the former British Mandate of Palestine.

There is therefore no slight shred of justification for the demand that Israel compensate them — collectively or individually — for the losses they suffered as a result of choosing wrongly and persevering in their murderous wrongheadedness against Israel.

Which does not mean, of course, that they will not persevere in those demands.

And, indeed, there are signs that

the Palestinians have been busy amassing voluminous material to back up their claims.

Historically, the Israeli response has always been that we will be ready to negotiate such claims in final peace talks; and when that time comes, Israel will respond with counter-claims for the billions of dollars' worth of property left behind by Jewish immigrants from Arab countries, property which was confiscated by their regimes.

That is all well and good. But in itself it is insufficient.

The Israeli response must be a demand for full reciprocity as an essential element in attaining what the Palestinian mantra calls "a just and lasting peace."

Israel must be adamant in demanding reciprocity from the Palestinians, Jordanians and other Arabs. It must demand that they compensate us for our full losses, and for our suffering as a result of the conflict they imposed on us for over 50 years.

Not all suffering can be given a price tag, but much can.

Scores if, not hundreds of thousands of Israelis have suffered loss and bereavement as a result of Arab military aggression and Palestinian terrorism. Israel, collectively, has expended hundreds of billions of dollars in defending itself against that aggression and terrorism.

If our longtime Arab and Palestinian enemies — and, hopefully, future partners in peace — want to talk financial compensation for losses, we must be prepared to enter such talks with a much stronger and more justified case than they can muster.

We should not be blinded, nor should we permit the world to be blinded, to our just claims in this respect by the fact that we have been so successful in defending ourselves against Arab and Palestinian aggression.

That success came at a very high cost. We had better not forget that.

The writer comments on current affairs.

Brutal irony

EDWARD SEROTTA

Vera Somerova, 78, has no pictures in her tiny Prague apartment of the day she married Prof. Walter Eisinger 33 years ago. Nor does her neighbor Kurt Kotouc, one of the invited guests.

It is hardly surprising, considering that the wedding took place in the Theresienstadt concentration camp, just north of Prague.

Eisinger, a passionate optimist, lived with and taught a group of 14-year-old boys (Kotouc among them) who had seen their parents shipped off to Auschwitz.

Eisinger continually instilled in his charges, and in his wife, the belief that the war would end and everything would be set right.

It was not to be. The teacher and all but a few of the boys were eventually murdered. Since then, Eisinger's widow and former student have waited in Prague for some kind of restitution to compensate for the horror that has eaten up their lives like cancer.

They and other Jews throughout the former East Bloc were denied direct compensation from Germany during the Cold War.

Since the collapse of communism, some of the governments in the region have made token one-time payments made possible by funds from Germany. However, they are a fraction of what survivors have received in noncommunist countries, although East Bloc survivors' medical needs and economic plight are exponentially worse.

THE irony is brutal. While no Holocaust survivor in the Czech Republic receives compensation from the German state, many of their German guards are eligible for special pensions.

Thomas Kraus, an attorney and president of the Federation of Czech Jewish Communities, has lobbied the German Embassy

The Jews of Eastern Europe are double victims

several times, hoping to see a modicum of justice served, but to no avail. It has fallen to the Czech government, itself strapped for cash, to make small contributions to those who suffered under the Nazi occupation.

Kotouc, ill and living off a meager pension, has had to turn to Canadian friends for help, and Vera Somerova, who never remarried, lives in lesser circumstances than she did as a high school student in the 1930s.

The recent Czech-German declaration will set up a humanitarian fund soon. With luck, it might be disbursing checks in six or seven years.

Victims of the Nazis, victims of postwar politics, these Jews can hope again that their situation will be eased with part of the \$180 million awarded thus far by Swiss banks to a circle of eight Jewish organizations specifically for Holocaust survivors.

Another, larger fund will disburse humanitarian aid worldwide, and may not directly affect them.

The World Jewish Restitution Organization will determine how this money is spent. But its eight organizations represent primarily American and Israeli interests.

They face a daunting task: Schools, synagogues, social welfare organizations are in need throughout the world, and many Holocaust survivors outside the former East Bloc still require assistance. Yet US Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat has rightly called the tens of thousands of Holocaust survivors of Central and Eastern Europe "double victims."

Thousands in the former Soviet Union depend on weekly food packages from charities abroad. When they don't arrive, some survive on a single loaf of bread per day. With their families already living in Israel, there is no one to care for them.

Somerova, Kotouc and the Jews of Central and Eastern Europe now wait while the eight Jewish organizations divide the Swiss funds.

No one is suggesting that these organizations will not try to ameliorate the plight of these people — but not one Holocaust survivor sitting at the negotiating table lives in that region today.

The ugly paradox is that while the government in Bonn still refuses to compensate these people honorably, it has fallen to Jewish groups to divide Jewish money stolen by the Nazis and hidden by the Swiss.

It should never have come to this. Germany still has a role to play.

(Los Angeles Times).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORALLY REPREENSIBLE

Sir, — I am writing in response to Rabbi Riskin's article of May 2 and ask: to whom and about whom did he write the following? "Could the Torah be distinguishing the act from the actor, the crime from its perpetrators? Passion that can lead to fanaticism must be stopped and condemned, but the individuals, whose motives were pure, remain close to the Almighty."

I find this statement morally reprehensible and thus Jewishly unacceptable.

Would Rabbi Riskin, while condemning the passion of Baruch Goldstein and Yigal Amir, say that they remain close to God, since, in their eyes, their motives were pure?

Does not our religion claim

DON'T BE WHIMPS

Sir, — I am appalled by the reaction of Mr. Netanyahu and the moral cowards of the government to the attorney-general's report. Does Mr. Netanyahu think that, by slipping by on a legal technicality, we, the public, don't see the enormity of the moral implications and of the clear wrongdoings of the prime minister and his group?

The prime minister sets the moral tone for the country. I am concerned that society and business now perceive the message that it is OK to fudge wrongdoings; that integrity, morality and responsibility are

that every human being possesses freedom of choice and must suffer the consequences of his or her own actions? Does not Judaism condemn murder and also hold the murderers responsible for their actions, subject to appropriate punishment?

Does not Ben Zoma, in *Mishna Avot* 4:1, state: "who is a hero — he who controls his impulse" or as Rabbi Hertz translates in his *sidur*, "he who subdues his passions"?

I suggest to Rabbi Riskin that he follow the admonition of Avaylon (Avot 1:11) "Sages, be careful of your words!"

RABBI HERBERT WEINBERG
Jerusalem.

RETURN TO FAMILY OF NATIONS

Sir, — With the recent news regarding the prime minister and his government's moral problems, it becomes even harder to explain to national American colleagues the behavior of our present government.

As a proud member of the Labor movement, I would like to suggest to my fellow Israelis that, with the present government, we will have no peace, no security, and no moral ground to stand on. Please let us return to the family of civilized and rational nations; let us separate religion from politics; and let us move toward the inevitable coexistence with all our neighbors. Nationalism of separation and elitism is not worthy of the proud history of moral and intellectual contributions by Jewish culture.

DR. YORAM LUBLING
Elon College, N.C.

THE POLITICAL GUTTER

Sir, — In his article of April 25, "In the political gutter," Yosef Goell says that "the sorry truth is that the usually slick Derf was this time simply less adept at covering his tracks ... than were ... Netanyahu ... Hanegbi and Lieberman."

Considering the fact that the state attorney chose not to prosecute because of the most problematic nature of Dan Avitzhak's testimony, Mr. Goell's claim to knowledge of "the sorry truth" seems a bit out of line. This kind of lynch has become all too common here — but we expect better of the *Post's* editorial page. It was particularly out of place in this case, as it was completely unnecessary to the (generally valid) point of Mr. Goell's article.

ISRAEL PICKHOLTZ
Elazar.

SUPERB ARTICLES

Sir, — For many years I have been a regular reader of *The Jerusalem Post*. It gives me pleasure to report to you how much I appreciate and enjoy reading Sarah Honig's contributions to the *Post*. Her articles are first-rate in quality and responsible journalism.

In her superbly written column,

"Releasing the ethnic genie" (April 2), as so often in the past, Sarah Honig again succeeds in focusing the real issues. In doing so, she turns the spotlight on the manipulators and on their transparently self-serving motives.

BOB VARI
Holon.

Bangkok's rotating rabbi

250 Jews live happily amidst millions of Thai Buddhists, reports Tom Tugend from Bangkok

To serve its 250 permanent Jewish residents, Bangkok has three synagogues and one rabbi, who leads all the services in rotation.

If that sounds like an old Jewish joke, it's an arrangement that suits a community which feels at home in this overwhelmingly Buddhist nation, but keeps a low profile and has been spared by past terrorist attacks.

The three synagogues serve as a rough guide to the makeup of the permanent and transient Jewish community here.

Worshippers at the showpiece Beit Elisheva synagogue tend to be wealthier suburbanites. The three-story building doubles as community center and houses the sanctuary, meeting and recreation rooms, mikve, and the living quarters of the youthful Rabbi Yosef Kantor and his family.

A recent addition has been daily pre-school classes for six children, complementing a Sunday school for older pupils. They are taught by two young women, still in their late teens, who arrived two months ago from Kfar Habad in Israel.

Bangkok, as the gem-trade capital of the world, has attracted a large number of Israeli businessmen. They, along with tourists staying at the more expensive hotels, pray at the appropriately named Even Chen (Precious Stone, in Hebrew) in the center of the city.

Serving the lower end of the economic scale is the Or Menahem synagogue, which, with a kosher kitchen, is part of Beit Habad. It caters to the stream of backpackers, an estimated 15,000 a year from Israel alone, who stay at the nearby cheap hostels and guest houses.

The first contingent of Jews arrived in Thailand at the turn of the century, mainly from Middle Eastern countries. These Sephardi Jews were joined in the 1920s by groups of Ashkenazim, said "Jacob," whose father arrived here from Russia, via Italy, in 1920.

"Jacob," who asked that his real name not be used, represents what is now the oldest Jewish family in Bangkok and is president of the Jewish community, as his father was a generation earlier.

Besides the contingent of Israeli businessmen, the community includes a sizable segment of American Jews. The men, mainly lawyers, got to know Thailand while serving with the US military or the Peace Corps, liked what they saw and decided to stay.

Jacob's request for anonymity is grounded in his sense of vulnerability to terrorist attacks. In 1973, the Palestinian Black September group seized the Israeli Embassy here, though Thai authorities were able to defuse the situation without bloodshed.

Four years ago, Jacob says, police apprehended a terrorist by a stroke of luck. He had enough explosive material to level everything within a mile radius in the heart of the city. Surveying his constituency, Jacob notes that "basically, all of us are Orthodox, we have no Reform or Conservative Jews here." The community gets together for Purim and Hanukkah parties and during the past year celebrated one wedding, one brit and a few bar mitzvas, and welcomed one young Thai woman as a convert.

As for the burden of the presidency, Jacob confides that "just because it's a small community, it doesn't mean it's an easy one."



Bangkok's Rabbi Yosef Kantor, a Jewish presence in a Buddhist land.

What attracts Jews to live in Thailand? "It's a nice country with friendly people. All religions can function freely, and there are good business opportunities," says Jacob.

There is also no antisemitism, perhaps because "the Thai have no idea what Jews are," as one resident put it.

In the past, the community had a hard time attracting and then keep-

ing rabbis. "We had one who stayed for a year, and then a second one who left after six months," says Jacob.

Four years ago, community leaders turned to the Lubavitcher rebbe, who dispatched Rabbi Kantor. The 28-year-old native of Australia has "done a terrific job," according to Jacob.

Kantor and his wife, Dvora Leah, who hails from Los

Angeles, are now well settled and are raising a family. He relies primarily on e-mail to stay in touch with Habad headquarters in Brooklyn and with the rest of the world.

Some things, though, are hard to get used to, including the extremely hot and humid weather. "Sometimes I dream of just taking a pleasant walk, like in Los Angeles," says the rebbe. "Now [in February] it's the middle of the winter and the temperature is 100 degrees [38°C]."

Mindi Gerlitzky, one of the two young teachers recently arrived from Kfar Habad, is struck by other phenomena. "I was shocked to see so many Israelis here," she says. And noting the omnipresent statues of Buddha, she adds, "I realize how lucky we are to be Jewish." Israeli tourists now flock to Thailand at the rate of 50,000 a year, according to Ya'akov Avrahami, the No. 2 man at the Israeli Embassy.

Besides the 15,000 backpackers, there are some 35,000 mostly middle-aged visitors, attracted by cheap package tours and the regular El Al flights between Tel Aviv and Bangkok.

The Israeli Embassy was opened in 1957, but the Thai reciprocated only last year in opening an embassy in Tel Aviv. One reason for the latter move was to serve the estimated 20,000 Thai nationals now working in Israel, mainly in the agricultural sector.

Trade between the two countries runs at \$500 million a year, with the balance almost 2:1 in Israel's favor. Thai exports are mainly in diamonds and gemstones, and imports from Israel include machinery, electronics and communication equipment.

Diplomatic relations between Thailand and Israel function smoothly, says Avrahami, and judging by the three English-language dailies in Bangkok, Thailand's people and government seem well disposed to the Jewish state.

Not Page One

Why did the chicken take the bus?

By Sam Orbaum



I suppose it's because I don't take buses often enough: when I slide my NIS 16.50 under the bulletproof glass to the Egged teller for a one-way prayer to Tel Aviv, I feel like ... I've committed myself to a spectacular death. I can't shake this feeling that there might be Palestinian suicide bombers for whom all the fun is in not getting there.

I'm not kidding. I seem to be the only one looking under seats, or sizing up fellow riders for a hint of martyrdom in their eyes, as if I know what a martyr's expression might look like.

I'll sit near the driver so I can leap upon a terrorist who might try to commandeer the bus over a cliff.

I try to get a seat near a door, to maximize my chance of getting out of an inferno (assuming I survived the initial blast), or I'll sit near the driver so I can leap upon a terrorist who might try to commandeer the bus over a cliff. Hey, I wouldn't want to be at the back, helpless, vainly hoping some guy at the front snaps into action to save my life.

I'll try to pinpoint the rider most likely to disassemble himself, and decline to sit next to him. All right, laugh. Maybe I'm a little hysterical. Like I said, I haven't taken enough buses to overcome the paranoia. And I accept, not without embarrassment, that I'm as silly as those American Jews who don't come to Israel out of fear, preferring the risk of getting stabbed closer to home.

This must be a common unease a day or two after a bus bombing, not a year after. I suppose that's why the driver chuckled when I alerted him to — well, can you blame me?

The suspect was swarthy, young, unrelaxed. He calmly slipped a large duffel bag into the baggage hold above the right rear wheel. And then he got on. I didn't hear him mumble under his breath "Allahu Akbar," but that's not to say he didn't.

Nobody else noticed. I was amazed that anyone could place whatever they want in the baggage hold of an Israeli bus, and no one checks. How easy, I thought, my alarm rising.

"Don't worry. It's not a bomb,"

the driver said, with a derisive smirk. "You're not going to die. My passengers never die."

I pointed out that there were signs all over the country urging the public to be alert, and I was doing just that. And furthermore, I added, I'm a journalist interested in doing a story on just this phenomenon. I whipped out my notepad for effect.

The thought of being blown to bits didn't faze him, but, apparently, the fear of what dreadful damage a newspaperman could do did not five minutes after he steered his No. 405 out of the Jerusalem bus station, he pulled over onto the shoulder of the highway, jumped out, and wouldn't you know, he went to check the baggage hold.

When he returned to his seat, he sneaked a peek at me through his rear-view mirror to make sure I'd noticed. I grinned back at him.

It was apparently just sheer coincidence that, just outside Tel Aviv, he pulled over to the shoulder again, and evacuated the bus, because a thick white cloud of smoke was spewing from, you guessed it, the area of the rear right wheel.

I was right. I ran through the suffocating bil-

low to safety. The driver ascertained, to everyone's uncertain satisfaction, that there was no danger, and he herded us back on the bus. But he knew what was coming.

That damn journalist again.

"Nothing to worry about," he said dully. "Just smoke."

"Y'know, where there's smoke there's ..."

"Look, do you want to go to Tel Aviv or not?"

"Think you can get us there?"

He did.

At the bus station, the driver went off and did whatever it is bus drivers do at the end of a run, and I went off and did what nudnik journalists do: I took a cab to Egged HQ, notepad in hand.

"We've got 4,100 buses on the roads every day," Egged spokesman Ron Ramer explained. "Two million people get on and off an Egged or Dan bus daily. We can't check every bag."

"But ..."

"There's never been an incident of that sort."

"But ..."

"And anyway, the baggage hold is not a good place for a bomb. It's an enclosed area that would absorb much of the impact of an explosion."

"I see."

"Believe me, when it comes to safety, we think of everything. Buses are as safe as they can be."

I must have believed him, because on the way home, after checking every passenger's ulterior motive for taking the bus, I felt safe enough to nap.

DEAR RUTHIE

By RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie, My wife is worrying me. She spends at least three evenings a week in the company of divorced women friends. I can tell they've been putting ideas in her head by the new way in which she argues with me. There's always something coming out of her mouth which is clearly not her own wording. I know this because I have been married to her for 18 years and

she never gave a clue that she even knew the concepts she's been throwing at me, let alone that she is displeased with our relationship.

When I approached her about this, she made a sarcastic face, and told me to grow up. Most men would think their wives were having an affair presented with such behavior. I don't believe my wife has another man. I think she is becoming so influenced by the "freedom" of her husbandless friends that she resents being married and is trying to take out her resentment on me. What is the best way to get

her to stop spending so much time around people having this bad influence on her?

Husband in a Huff
Rishon LeZion
Dear Huffy Hubby,
Whatever your wife is going through, her friends cannot be held responsible.

Influences are available in all shapes and forms. Television, movies, books, magazines and people are around us for the picking. Those we choose to influence us become influential. The rest do not.

It is the internal processes we undergo at different times which

cause us to select the company of certain people, or to be mesmerized by particular pieces of literature, art, music or sets of ideas.

The "concepts" you claim your wife could not have held without her "husbandless" friends did not accidentally or miraculously spring from her lips after spending time with undesirable bad influences. Your wife chose to listen to those concepts over others which are just as rampant and easily accessible.

As such, you would do better not to invest your energy in trying to distance your wife from

her friends, but rather in trying to understand what is at the core of her dissatisfaction with marriage in general and with you in particular.

This may not end up having the result you desire. But the alternative is bound to be worse — given the nature of your newly shaky relations. Give yourself a fighting chance by listening before delegitimizing.

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HEADS 'N' TAILS

Remaining forever puppy-like

By DVORA BEN SHAUL

There are some dogs that never really seem to grow up. But this is not the fault of the owners, as many of us tend to believe. Animal behaviorists at the College of Veterinary Medicine in Edinburgh say that it's the breed that in fact determines the dog's capacity for mature behavior.

In order to study and to quantify this "maturity factor" the research team studied the behavior of dogs of 10 different breeds and compared it to the behavior, both juvenile and adult, of the dog's wild ancestor, the wolf.

Of the 15 characteristic behav-

ioral traits of wolves that express aggression or submission, they found that some breeds had almost none of the adult characteristics in this field but all of the juvenile or "puppy type" behaviors. For instance, adult wolves show aggression in many ways including staring a rival down, lifting the lip in an almost silent snarl, or fixing their rival with a stare while baring their teeth.

Juvenile wolves, on the other hand, have only two aggressive behavior tricks, growling or physically pushing a rival away. While some breeds of dogs showed only these two "puppy" aggressions, there were other breeds that showed several, and one that

showed all of the adult wolf behavioral patterns. When it came to submissive signals, here too there was a great difference. While adult wolves have a wide range of submission signs including showing the white of the eye, baring the neck and lifting the corners of the lips in a "submissive smile," the juvenile wolf cub knows only one, licking the face and muzzle of a rival wolf.

Dogs too showed a range of behavior in the various breeds but remarkably many knew only the puppy trick of face-licking and substituted the owner's hands for the muzzle of a rival wolf. The most immature breed was found to be the King

Charles spaniel, that employed only one of the nine threatening tactics, the growl, and none of the submission tactics, not even the muzzle lick.

The miniature and toy breeds in general rated lowest on the scale of maturity, although surprisingly some of the small terriers showed a quite mature range of behavior. Topping the maturity scale were huskies, chow chows, the herding breeds and some of the standard working breeds. To the surprise of many the standard or large poodle scored as very mature. So if your poodle seems to be a perpetual Peter Pan, take heart. Mommy isn't always to blame. It may well be in the genes.

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Seeking elusive French Open title

Top seed Sampras to face Santoro in opening round

PARIS (AP) — Pete Sampras will need to be sharp from the start as he bids for the only title missing from his Grand Slam collection.

Winless on clay this year and coming off a thigh injury, Sampras drew a challenging first-round opponent Friday for the French Open, which begins tomorrow.

The top-seeded American was paired against Fabrice Santoro, a crafty French baseliner who has been one of the top clay-court players this season.

On clay this year, Sampras lost his opening matches in Monte Carlo and Rome, and retired in the third set of a match Monday at the World Team Cup in Duesseldorf, Germany with a muscle strain. He pulled out of the rest of the event to safeguard his chances for the French Open.

Santoro, a French Open junior champion in 1989, has been a journeyman player for much of his career. But he beat Sampras in the first round of the Italian Open two years ago.

Ranked No. 57, Santoro has beaten former French Open champions Thomas Muster and Sergi Bruguera this year and reached the semifinals in Monte Carlo and Prague.

"It will be a real test between the two players," tournament director Patrice Clerc said. "Sampras will be testing his physical condition, while Santoro will be testing his potential." Clerc defended the seeding of Sampras as No. 1, despite his lack of success on clay.

In all, Sampras has won four US Opens, three

Wimbledons and two Australian Opens, including the last one in January. His best showing in Paris was last year, when he reached the semifinals.

If Sampras gets through the first round, he has a relatively easy draw until the quarterfinals. But there, he could run into either Alex Corretja or Carlos Moya, two dangerous Spanish clay-court players.

Second-seeded Michael Chang drew a qualifier in the first round, while defending champion and No. 3 seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov will face Martin Damm.

Muster, seeded fifth this year and mired in a terrible slump, could have trouble in the first round against Germany's Marc-Kevin Goellner. No. 4 Goran Ivanisevic also could have an early tough time against Sweden's Magnus Gustafsson.

The tournament lost some of its luster already when Boris Becker and Andre Agassi withdrew with injuries.

The latest dropout Friday was Sweden's Thomas Enqvist, who had been seeded No. 9. His withdrawal means Bruguera, the 1993 and 1994 champion, becomes the No. 16 seed.

Michael Stich, last year's losing finalist, had announced his withdrawal Thursday. But his name was included in the draw Friday, and Stich still may play.

If the draw holds form, the men's quarterfinals would be Sampras vs. Corretja, Kafelnikov vs. Muster, Richard

Krajicek vs. Ivanisevic, and Chang vs. Rios.

On the women's side, No. 1 Martina Hingis will return to competition against Slovakia's Henrieta Nagyova, 37th in the world.

The 16-year-old Hingis, winner of the Australian Open and unbeaten this year in six tournaments, fell off a horse on April 21 and injured her knee. She has not played a tournament match on clay this year.

Hingis could face an interesting test in the third round against 15-year-old Anna Kournikova. Hingis routed Kournikova the last time they met, but Kournikova has gained some impressive victories lately.

Another young star, 16-year-old American Venus Williams, will be playing in her first Grand Slam and could face Monica Seles in the third round.

Last year's women's champion and five-time winner, Steffi Graf, takes on Argentina's Paola Suarez, No. 84 in the world.

Graf missed play from February until last week at Berlin because of a knee injury.

Seles, a three-time champion here, is seeded third and will face Miho Saeki of Japan.

The potential women's quarterfinals are: Hingis vs. Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, Seles vs. Anke Huber, Jana Novotna vs. Lindsay Davenport, and Graf vs. Conchita Martinez.

Ol' timer lifts Rockets past Jazz

Bulls 2-up on Miami after lowest-scoring playoff game

HOUSTON (AP) — On the brink of a deficit that no NBA team has ever overcome, the Houston Rockets found new life thanks to 38-year-old Eddie Johnson.

Johnson, signed late in the season to add a veteran presence to the Rockets' bench, scored a season-high 31 points Friday night to lead Houston to a 118-100 victory over the Utah Jazz in the Western Conference finals.

It cut Houston's deficit to 2-1 in the best-of-7 series and kept the Rockets out of a 3-0 hole — something no NBA team has ever climbed out of.

Hakeem Olajuwon added 27 points and the Rockets made 12 3-pointers to match their total from the first two games combined.

Charles Barkley added 19 points and 16 rebounds and Clyde Drexler scored 15 points.

But the biggest reason why the Rockets are back in this series was Johnson, a journeyman waived by the Denver Nuggets in early March after a midseason trade from the Indiana Pacers.

Johnson signed with the Rockets and had a resurgence, scoring in double figures 13 times over the last seven weeks of the season. Friday, though, was his best moment of the season as he shot 12-for-17 and made several clutch shots in the fourth quarter when Utah was trying to mount a comeback.

His final basket on a layup with 1:19 left elicited the last of several chants of "Ed-die, Ed-die" from a sellout crowd at The Summit.

Johnson made five 3-pointers and his 31 points helped Houston

to a 47-28 edge in bench scoring — a category the Rockets had lost badly in each of the first two games.

Sedale Threatt came off the bench and made two 3-pointers for the Rockets and Drexler had three.

Karl Malone scored 21 points, John Stockton had 17 points and 10 assists and Greg Ostertag had 15 points for Utah, which lost for just the fourth time since March 1.

Game four is today at the Summit.

THURSDAY'S GAME

Bulls 75, Heat 68

The host Bulls, only slightly less awful than the Miami Heat, won the lowest-scoring playoff game in NBA history to grab control of the Eastern Conference finals.

The 143 combined points were two fewer than the previous post-season low set by Syracuse and Fort Wayne in 1955.

Michael Jordan took over down the stretch and matched teammate Scottie Pippen's 23 points to give Chicago a 2-0 lead in the best-of-7 series, which shifted to Miami for Game 3 last night.

The Heat's woes came on the heels of a 28-point second half in Game 1, when they blew a 16-point lead. Miami has only 145 points in the two games.

Jordan, whose 33.9 career playoff scoring average is the highest in league history, had only 13 points on 3-for-14 shooting with five minutes to go and the Bulls clinging to a 59-58 lead.

He then made a 20-foot jumper, hit two free throws and fed Ron Harper for a 3-pointer as the Bulls went up 66-58.

Woods three off lead

FORT WORTH (AP) — Eight shots off the lead, flubbing short birdie putts and obviously frustrated, it appeared Tiger Woods' bid for a PGA "triple" was doomed.

But he incredible young man warmed up on the back nine at "Hogan's Alley" Friday and moved within three strokes of the lead heading into the third round of the MasterCard Colonial.

"I'm just concentrating on getting myself into position for Sunday," said the 21-year-old Woods who fired a 5-under-par 65.

David Frost (66-63), Brad Faxon (63-66) and Paul Goydos (64-65) tied Colonial's 36-hole record of 11-under-par 129 and led the field by two at the halfway point.

Justin Leonard (64-67), Jim

Furyk (64-67) and Bob Tway (65-66) were at 131.

But the spotlight, as usual, was on Woods.

A Colonial title would give the former Stanford ace victories in three consecutive starts, a feat last accomplished on the PGA Tour by Nick Price in 1993.

It appeared at one point that Woods' quest was in jeopardy.

After a lackluster front nine of par 35, Woods had birdies at Nos. 10 and 11, picked up another at 13 and closed with a couple more on the two final holes.

After walking off the eighth green in frustration, he handed his golf ball to a young boy and said: "Here. Maybe you'll have better luck with it."

National volleyball team loses to Slovakia

By HEATHER CHAIT

The national volleyball team lost an excruciating game last night to Slovakia in Bratislava, surrendering the one automatic ticket to the European Championship finals in the Netherlands to their hosts.

The score was 3-0 (15-6, 15-10, 15-8).

Last week, Israel beat Slovakia 3-1 at home and hopes were high that the team could break the jinx of losing all their away games.

Last night's score sealed the Slovakian record of winning all their home games.

Despite the intense disappointment, Israel is not entirely out of the picture. The final game in her group next week when Latvia hosts Poland will decide if Israel ends the preliminary rounds in second place.

The second-placed nations will then enter a playoff round from which five teams will reach the finals.

Flyers, Red Wings enjoy 3-1 leads

NEW YORK (AP) — Eric Lindros again took advantage of the battered New York Rangers, breaking a tie with seven seconds to play Friday night to give the Philadelphia Flyers a 3-2 Game 4 victory and a commanding lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

The Flyers lead the best-of-7 series 3-1 and New York could be eliminated in Game 5 today in Philadelphia. The Flyers last went to the finals 10 years ago.

Lindros backhanded a blind backhand pass from John LeClair from the left circle on a power play with goaltender Mike Richter out of position.

"That backhand shot is from almost the dot in the face-off circle," Flyers coach Terry Murray said. "I think you'd see most players in that kind of position would try and pull it to a forehand and if that had been the case it might have been too late."

The Rangers repeatedly turned over the puck in their own zone and took five penalties to the Flyers' two.

THURSDAY'S GAME

Red Wings 6, Avalanche 0

Any hope the Colorado Avalanche might have for defending their Stanley Cup championship faded greatly as Detroit took a formidable 3-1 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Game 5 in the best-of-7 series was last night in Denver.

If a Game 6 is needed, it would be tomorrow in Detroit. The Avalanche eliminated Detroit in six games during the conference finals last year on their way to winning the Cup.

The Red Wings haven't won a Cup since 1955. That 42-year drought is the NHL's longest.

Perhaps that would explain why the Red Wings have seemed like the hungrier team in this series. They have soundly outplayed the Avalanche in all four games.

The game got chippy late as the humiliated Avalanche began taking out their frustration and rage with sticks, fists and more words.

There were 236 minutes in penalties called, 204 in the third period.

Atherton secures series for England

LONDON (AP) — Michael Atherton hit a classy, unbeaten 113 yesterday to steer England to a six-wicket win and an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three-match, one-day series.

Atherton, produced a typically inspirational captain's performance, held the innings together throughout the chanceless 149-ball knock as he upstaged Michael Bevan's unbeaten 108 in Australia's 249-6.

England scored 253 runs for four wickets in 48.2 overs. It was Atherton's second limited overs century in 52 matches, and he kept a cool head throughout the innings, hitting just 10 fours.

Man-of-the-match Atherton, one of England's batting successes during the winter tour to New Zealand, shared three half century stands and finished the game with Adam Holoake, who remained unbeaten on 53.

The pair consolidated England's strong batting effort, sharing 95 runs off just 84 balls for the fifth wicket to achieve victory with 10 balls to spare.

Atherton, opening the batting with England requiring five runs an over to win the series, shared 71 runs for the second wicket with vice captain Alec Stewart (40) and 54 for the fourth with Graham Lloyd (22).

Holoake, England's hero in the six-wicket win in Leeds with an unbeaten 66, outscored his captain in scoring his runs off 41 balls.

Australian-born Holoake, who finished the first win with a six, completed the match with his sixth boundary, cross-batting medium pacesman Michael Kasprovic to square leg.

Stewart played a forceful innings at first wicket down and hit seven boundaries as his runs coming off at a run a ball.

He used his feet against Shane Warne, moving down the track to hit two boundaries in the leg spinner's first over, and following it up with two straight driven boundaries off Kasprovic.

It was Atherton's second limited overs century in 52 matches, and kept a cool head throughout the innings, hitting just 10 fours.

Bevan shared a record fifth wicket partnership with Adam Gilchrist — 113 runs, rescuing the innings from a precariously placed 98-4.

Australia's three top order wickets fell to careless run outs — Mark Waugh (25), Mark Taylor (11) and



NOT ENOUGH — Michael Bevan scored 108 not out yesterday in Aussie loss.

(Reuters)

Michael Slater (one).

A rejuvenated England side, buoyed by the win in the first game, backed the bowlers with brilliant fielding.

Bevan, Australia's hero in the 4-3 limited overs series success in South Africa last month, pro-

vided the backbone of the Australian salvage with a tenacious, 129-ball, career-best innings. It was his second one-day hundred in four matches.

He found a perfect partner Adam Gilchrist, who contributed an invaluable 53 runs.

Gilchrist, the No. 2 wicket-keeper on tour, justified his selection ahead of batsmen Justin Langer, Ricky Ponting and Matthew Elliott in replacing the injured Greg Blewett, and scored his runs off 50 balls with a six and two fours.

Lions win opener

PORT ELIZABETH (AP) — The British Lions, stung to find themselves trailing early in the second half yesterday, ran off 29 unanswered points to win the opener of their South African rugby union tour 39-11 over Eastern Province.

The Lions generally had better field position but managed only a try by Jeremy Guscott, along with a conversion and penalty from Neil Jenkins, in the first half to a pair of penalties for Eastern's Theo van Rensburg for a 10-6 lead.

Guscott clearly relished the chance to prove Jack Rowell wrong, and it was fitting that he score the game's opening try after 11 minutes.

Scores: BRITISH LIONS 39 (Jeremy Guscott 2, Doddie Weir, Tony Underwood, Will Greenwood tries; Neil Jenkins 2 penalties, 4 conversions. EASTERN PROVINCE 11 (Deon Kayser try; Theo van Rensburg 2 penalties).

SCOREBOARD

Australian Rules Football: Friday's and Saturday's results — Carlton 16.9 (105) def. Fremantle 14.3 (88). Adelaide Crows 14.18 (102) def. Hawthorn 13.10 (88). Port Adelaide 10.18 (78) def. Melbourne 3.9 (27).

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Griffey blasts 21st, Johnson fans 10 in Mariners' win

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his major league-leading 21st homer and Jay Buhner hit his fourth homer in as many games as the Seattle Mariners overcame a four-run deficit to beat the Kansas City Royals 8-4 Friday night.

Randy Johnson (6-1) won for the 23rd time in 24 decisions, allowing all four runs and eight hits in seven innings. He struck out 10 — his 72nd game with double-digit strikeouts.

Griffey hit a two-run homer in the ninth, giving him a major league-leading 57 RBIs. Buhner's three-run homer off Tim Lincecum (5-5) capped a four-run fifth inning that put Seattle ahead 6-4.

Kansas City has lost seven straight.

Indians 6, Orioles 1

Chad Ogea (5-3) pitched a two-hitter with a career-high nine strikeouts, sending Jimmy Key (8-1) to his first loss of the season.

Host Cleveland won a season-high sixth straight and ended Baltimore's season-high streak at five games. Key, who came in with a league-low 1.80 ERA, was rocked for six runs and 10 hits, both season highs, in 4 1/3 innings, his shortest outing of the season.

Red Sox 9, Yankees 3

Pinch-hitter Mike Stanley lined a tie-breaking three-run homer in the top of the eighth inning and Will Cordero hit a three-run shot in

the ninth.

New York has lost five straight, matching its season high.

The Red Sox rallied for four runs against three pitchers in the eighth. Cordero's RBI single made it 3-all and Stanley hit his second

three-run homer in two days against his former team.

Angels 12, Blue Jays 2

Dennis Springer (3-1) pitched a seven-hitter for his first complete game since last September 29, and Tim Salmon went 4-for-5 as visiting Anaheim took advantage of three errors by pitcher Juan Guzman.

Gary DiSarcina hit a three-run homer, Luis Alcega added a two-run drive and Jim Leyritz connected on a solo homer as the Angels won their third straight and 10th in 11 games.

Guzman (3-4) made three errors that led to six unearned runs.

Brewers 4, White Sox 1

Scott Karl (2-5) allowed three hits over eight innings and Mark Loretta drove in three runs to stop host Chicago's six-game winning streak.

Loretta hit a two-run homer off

leagues at 14-31 and trails the fourth-place Cubs by three games, its biggest gap of the season.

Expos 4, Pirates 1

Pedro Martinez pitched a five-hitter with a season-high 12 strikeouts in improving to a club record 8-0.

Martinez was dominant from the outset, striking out nine of the first 13 batters he faced. The right-hander did not allow a walk in his third complete game of the season.

Host Montreal ended a three-game losing streak.

Phillies 2, Mets 1

Rookie Garrett Stephenson allowed one run and three hits in six innings as visiting New York was handed only its fourth loss in 13 games.

Stephenson (2-0), making only his third major-league start, gave up Bernard Gilkey's leadoff homer in the second inning. The right-hander, who has a 1.35 ERA, struck out four and walked three.

Rockies 8, Astros 7

Dante Bichette homered and drove in three runs and rookie Bobby Jones earned his first career win for host Colorado.

Ellis Burks homered for the fourth straight game as the Rockies won for just the fourth time in 11 games.

Colorado was playing its first home game since returning from a 13-game road trip.

Levine to become NYC deputy mayor

Having finally achieved labor peace in baseball, Player Relations Committee head Randy Levine is becoming New York City's deputy mayor for economic development, planning and administration.

Levine, New York City's former labor relations ombudsman, will continue to run the Player Relations Committee, but as a consultant while he's at City Hall.

He is likely to return to his baseball job full time after the November election, probably in January.

While with the city, he will not be involved with any decisions involving the leases with Yankee and Shea Stadiums and the two teams.

National League

East Division W L Pct GB Atlanta 33 13 .717 — Florida 27 18 .598 5 1/2 Montreal 25 20 .556 7 1/2 New York 25 22 .528 8 1/2 Philadelphia 18 28 .391 15

Central Division W L Pct GB Houston 24 23 .511 — Cincinnati 23 23 .500 5 St. Louis 18 27 .400 6 Chicago 17 28 .378 6 1/2 Cincinnati 14 31 .311 9

West Division W L Pct GB San Francisco 27 18 .600 — Colorado 25 21 .543 2 1/2 Los Angeles 23 22 .511 4 San Diego 20 25 .444 7

American League East Division W L Pct GB Baltimore 30 14 .682 — Toronto 23 20 .535 6 1/2 New York 25 22 .528 6 1/2 Detroit 20 25 .444 10 1/2 Boston 18 28 .391 12

Central Division W L Pct GB Cleveland 24 20 .545 — Milwaukee 21 21 .500 2 Chicago 20 23 .465 3 1/2 Kansas City 20 24 .455 4 Minnesota 18 28 .391 7

West Division W L Pct GB Texas 25 19 .568 — Anaheim 24 20 .545 1 Seattle 25 21 .543 1 Oakland 19 29 .396 8

Friday's AL results: Detroit 7, Texas 1; Cleveland 6, Baltimore 1; Anaheim 12, Toronto 2; Milwaukee 4, Chicago 1; Boston 9, NY 3; Seattle 8, Kansas City 4; Oakland 8, Minnesota 4.

Thursday's AL results: Cleveland 9, Kansas City 1; Boston 8, NY 2; Texas 10, Oakland 7.

Friday's NL results: Philadelphia 2, NY 1; Chicago 3, Cincinnati 1; Montreal 4, Pittsburgh 1; Colorado 8, Houston 7; Atlanta 4, Los Angeles 2; San Francisco 2, St. Louis 0; San Diego 6, Florida 3.

Thursday's NL results: San Francisco 7, Colorado 2; San Diego 4, Los Angeles 1; NY 10, Philadelphia 3; Pittsburgh 9, Montreal 3.

Hap PT look 2nd-best, Betar relax, Ironi Ashdod promoted

By ORI LEWIS and DEREK FATTAL

Ironi Ashdod celebrated and Zefirion Holon mourned after the penultimate weekend of soccer action for the current season.

Ashdod celebrated their return to the National League after an absence of two seasons with a convincing 3-1 win over Hapoel Kiryat Shmona, while fellow-promotion hopefuls, Maccabi Netanya could manage only a 1-1 draw away to Betar Tel Aviv in the last weekend of action in the Second Division.

Hapoel Petah Tikva are well on course to clinching the second spot in the National League standings after a convincing 3-1 win over Hapoel Kfar Sava, while Hapoel Beersheba lost at home to Hapoel Haifa on Friday.

Beersheba's best bet for a European cup berth now appears to lie in the State Cup. If they can beat Maccabi Tel Aviv in the final tomorrow night, they will earn a place in the Cup Winners' Cup.

Champions Betar Jerusalem took things easy in their official championship-crowning game at Teddy Stadium. The club was obviously thinking of the celebrations which were to take place later in the evening and they managed only a 1-1 draw with Ironi Rishon.

Holon's fate was officially sealed on Friday when they were thrashed 3-1 by Maccabi Haifa. But the impression from the match was that the Holonites had accepted their fate long ago, as they even failed to put up any resistance and give Hapoel Tel Aviv a fight for the second relegation spot.

Kiryat Shmona had needed at least a draw from their match in Ashdod, but with Maccabi Yavne and Ness Ziona both winning, the northers were left to carry their tails between their legs together with Hapoel Hadera all the way down to the Third Division.

Third Division promotes, Bnei Sakhnin from the northern section, and Hapoel Lod from the southern section played off for the champion of champions title, with Sakhnin coming out 3-1 winners. Both will have their skills put to much more severe tests next season.

Maccabi Tel Aviv ended 3-1 winners in the Youth State Cup final played yesterday in Rishon LeZion before a crowd of over 2,000 against old foes Maccabi Haifa. The Haifaite goal was off to a dream start taking the first goal in just the second minute, but as the match progressed, the Tel Avivites took over the driving seat.

Guy Safari proved to be Tel Aviv's hero, scoring a hat trick beginning with a 26th-minute equalizer, and ending with a penalty conversion eight minutes before time.

Bet J'lem 1, I Rishon LeZion 1

Difficult European Youth draw for Israel

Israel's youth team will play in Group Two of the European Youth Championship finals that open on July 26th in Iceland.

In yesterday's draw held in Reykjavik, Israel's national youth team was pooled in Group 2 together with France, Switzerland and Ireland, a what looks to be the competition's toughest group.

The host country Iceland, hardly a soccer powerhouse, makes up Group 1 along with Hungary, Portugal and Spain.

The two-group winners proceed to the final, with the second-placed teams battling for the competition's third spot.

Derek Fattal

Betar Jerusalem received the title silver in a festive pre-match ceremony but found their usual touch during the game.

The proceedings got off to a good start with a well-executed fourth-minute free kick finished off with a dipping rocket shot by Itzik Zohar that flew over the Rishon wall and into goal beyond the reach of goalkeeper Sagi Surauss.

The equalizer came around the hour mark when the Betar defense allowed Rishon's Tomas Cibola to get a foot to the ball and redirect it into goal.

After the final whistle and obligatory pitch invasion, the yellow-and-black bannered hordes slowly made their way to the town hall square in the city center where the Betar players were hosted in an official reception by Mayor Ehud Olmert and then presented to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Outside the hall, the Betar fans sang and danced into the early hours of the morning in a colorful and noisy celebration of the club's third championship title.

Hap Petah Tikva 3, Hap Kfar Sava 1. Boosted by Hapoel Beersheba's defeat on Friday, the Petah Tikvans allowed their opponents little mercy, on their way to virtually assuring themselves of the National League's second spot and the prized UEFA Cup place.

Motti Kalkon raced onto a cheeky free kick taken by Garbo Marton in the sixth minute to steal his 20th goal of the season to put the host side ahead, while Andrei Christof was in place to further embarrass the Kfar Sava defense just before the half hour.

Mac. Haifa 3, Zefirion Holon 1. With no resistance from Holon, Haifa's task looked easy as they notched a convincing scoreline with goals through Alon Harazi (8th minute), Idan Shum (20) and Hezi Shirazi (35).

Hap. Beersheba 0, Hap. Haifa 2. Beersheba looked like they really didn't want to play this match at all. The hot conditions in the Negev on Friday afternoon were not to their liking, and the loss to Hapoel Haifa, who have nothing to play for, is a blow to Beersheba's hopes of clinching second place in the standings, particularly following Hapoel Petah Tikva's win yesterday.

Mac. TA 1, Hap. Beit She'an 2. Maccabi will soon want to forget one of their worst seasons in recent memory and the lackluster performance and the loss to Beit She'an will surely dent their confidence ahead of the State Cup final on Monday.

In other games, it was Maccabi Herzliya 0, Maccabi Petah Tikva 1; Bnei Yehuda 2, Hapoel Jerusalem 0 and Hapoel Taiba 0, Hapoel Tel Aviv 4.

SECOND DIVISION

Ironi Ashdod 3, Hap. K. Shmona 1. The Ashdod fans were roaring with delight with just a few seconds gone as Dekel Malca saw his cross given a helping hand into the Kiryat Shmona net by goalkeeper Raz Haim. Haim jumped high into the air and palmed the ball in the wrong direction, making it look as if Ashdod would have an easy passage back into the National League.

But just five minutes later,

Kiryat Shmona's Brazilian player, Marco Lucio pounced on an error in the Ashdod defense and equalized, giving the northers hope that they would indeed be able to at least gain the point needed to secure another season of Second Division soccer.

But late goals by Naor Gahili (71) and Sammy Ayash, who struck in injury time, as Kiryat Shmona threw all their men forward, did the trick for Ashdod, and allowed their fans to begin a weekend of celebrations.

Bet. TA 1, Mac. Netanya 1. Just as had happened the previous week when they lost 2-1 at home to Maccabi Kiryat Gat, Maccabi Netanya again let their nerves get the better of them-

selves. Betar had little to play for and did not present stubborn opposition to the side who knew they had to win by a big margin in order to have a chance of getting promoted.

Netanya had many chances to score, but some very poor finishing saw many chances go astray. Shlomi Dahan raised Netanya's hopes when he scored in the 29th minute at the time when Ironi Ashdod and Kiryat Shmona were level at 1-1. That would have been enough, but once Yossi Kasadini had equalized for Betar in the 88th minute, Netanya's dream of returning to the top flight after just one season in the Second Division, had evaporated completely.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Maccabi Haifa	(3) 3	Zefirion Holon	(0) 1
Alon Harazi	3	Victor Moroz	77 (pen.)
Idan Shum	20		
Hadi Shikri	35		
Hapoel Petah Tikva	(3) 3	Hapoel Kfar Sava	(0) 1
Motti Kalkon	3	Bogdan Joszhek	40
Andrei Christof	28		
El Albarbani	34		
Hapoel Taiba	(0) 0		
		Hapoel Tel Aviv	(2) 4
		Yossi Kasadini	28, 35
		Fadi Hailon	45
		Sagiv Elyahu	75
		Hapoel Jerusalem	(0) 0
Bnei Yehuda	(1) 2		
Avi Tikva	34, 75		
Betar Jerusalem	(1) 1		
Itzik Zohar	4		
Maccabi Tel Aviv	(1) 1		
Non Nahman	4		
Maccabi Herzliya	(0) 0		
Hapoel Beersheba	(0) 0		

SECOND DIVISION

Maccabi Acre	2	Hapoel Bat Yam	2
Hakoah Ramat Gan	2	Hapoel Ashdod	1
Ironi Ashdod	3	Hapoel Kiryat Shmona	1
Betar Tel Aviv	3	Maccabi Netanya	1
Maccabi Kiryat Gat	1	Maccabi Kfar Sava	1
Hapoel Hadera	1	Maccabi Jaffa	2
Maccabi Yavne	3	Hapoel Ashdod	1
Ness Ziona	3	Hapoel Ramat Gan	0

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This week's Tototoko numbers: 5,6,8,11,12,22,25

National League

	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Dif.	Pts
Betar Jerusalem	29	20	6	3	59	18	41	66
Hapoel Petah Tikva	29	18	6	5	55	31	24	60
Hapoel Beersheba	29	18	3	8	43	25	18	57
Maccabi Petah Tikva	29	14	9	6	39	22	17	51
Maccabi Tel Aviv	29	13	6	10	47	34	13	45
Maccabi Haifa	29	12	9	8	43	33	10	45
Hapoel Haifa	29	12	6	11	33	32	1	42
Hapoel Kfar Sava	29	11	7	11	33	34	-1	40
Bnei Yehuda	29	10	8	11	31	38	-7	38
Ironi Rishon LeZion	29	10	7	12	33	46	-13	37
Hapoel Beit She'an	29	9	7	13	27	31	-4	34
Hapoel Jerusalem	29	9	6	14	29	40	-11	33
Maccabi Herzliya	29	9	4	16	18	27	-9	31
Hapoel Tel Aviv	29	7	9	13	23	30	-7	30
Zefirion Holon	29	4	9	16	17	42	-25	21
Hapoel Taiba	29	4	2	23	18	65	-47	14

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Dif.	Pts
Hapoel Ashdod	30	19	6	5	38	15	23	63
Ironi Ashdod	30	17	6	7	48	26	22	57
Maccabi Netanya	30	16	7	7	53	35	18	55
Hakoah Ramat Gan	30	13	8	9	40	29	11	47
Hapoel Bat Yam	30	11	10	9	36	28	8	43
Maccabi Jaffa	30	12	7	11	44	38	6	43
Maccabi Kfar Sava	30	11	9	10	33	32	1	42
Hapoel Ramat Gan	30	9	11	10	29	26	3	38
Betar Tel Aviv	30	9	10	11	27	37	-10	37
Maccabi Acre	30	8	12	10	28	29	-1	36
Maccabi Kiryat Gat	30	8	11	11	26	41	-15	35
Hapoel Ashdod	30	8	8	14	29	34	-5	32
Ness Ziona	30	8	8	14	30	42	-12	32
Maccabi Yavne	30	9	5	16	26	50	-24	32
Hapoel Kiryat Shmona	30	6	13	11	24	34	-10	31
Hapoel Hadera	30	5	11	14	27	42	-15	26

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HANDY VICTORY - Ian Wright celebrates scoring the winning goal against South Africa with teammate Gareth Southgate (5).

Wright nets controversial goal in England win

MANCHESTER (AP) - Ian Wright netted a controversial winner 16 minutes from the end as England warmed up for next week's vital World Cup qualifying game against Poland by downing South Africa 2-1 yesterday in the first ever soccer meeting of the two nations.

Paul Gascoigne took a quick free kick towards substitute Paul Scholes, who headed the ball on to Wright. Under pressure from two defenders and with his back to goal, the Arsenal striker appeared to control it with his arm before turning to fire the ball home from 12 yards.

Despite South African protests to Swedish referee Anders Frisk, the goal stood.

"It's a goal. The referee gave it," Wright said. "Things like that happen."

With the game against Poland a week away, the bad news for England was that midfielders Jamie Redknapp and Paul Gascoigne were carried off on stretchers after heavy South African tackles. Redknapp was taken to hospital for X-ray but Gascoigne was said to have suffered a calf muscle injury.

It was the first time since 1938

that England had played at the home of Manchester United and they faced an African Nations Cup holder which had previously lost three times in its last 29 games.

England, chasing their sixth win in seven games under coach Glenn Hoddle, went ahead after 20 minutes when Philip Neville collected a cross from Teddy Sheringham, pulled the ball past a defender and slipped it to Robert Lee who drove it between two more South African players from 10 meters.

Wright forced goalkeeper Andre Arendse to make two brave saves to prevent England going further ahead before the South Africans hit back with an equalizer a minute before half time.

England goalkeeper Nigel Martyn left his line to try and stop John Mashoeu taking a shot. But the South African drew the ball away, lobbed it up and produced an acrobatic overhead kick which beat two English defenders and found Phil Masinga unmarked to head into the empty goal.

When England threatened again in the second half, Gascoigne curled a 25-meter free kick around the defensive wall and struck the outside of the post.

Wright came up with the second

in the 74th minute.

Lineups: England - Nigel Martyn; Philip Neville, Martin Keown, Gareth Southgate, Stuart Pearce; Jamie Redknapp, Robert Lee, Paul Gascoigne, Graeme Le Saux; Ian Wright, Teddy Sheringham.

South Africa - Andre Arendse; Sizwe Motaung, Mark Fish, Lucas Redebe, Neil Tovey, Doctor Khumalo, John Mosto, Eric Tinkler; John Moshoeu, Phil Masinga, Brendan Augustine.

Southern quits

Two weeks after maintaining his club's Premier League status, Graeme Souness quit yesterday as manager of Southampton.

The 44-year-old former standout Liverpool star also played for Italy's Sampdoria and went on to be manager of Turkish club Galatasaray as well as Liverpool and Glasgow Rangers.

"I came to the club with high hopes and expectations for the future, but it is now clear to me that I am not able to take the club forward in the way that I would have liked," said Souness.

Under Souness, the Saints spent almost the entire season battling to avoid relegation to division one and only achieved safety on the final day.

Playoffs

Division Three promotion play-off: At Wembley, Northampton beat Swansea 1-0; Scottish Cup Final, at Ibrox Stadium, Kilmarnock beat Falkirk 1-0.

Hodgson leaves Inter. Roy Hodgson resigned Friday as coach of Internazionale of Milan, two days after his club was beaten in the UEFA Cup final by Schalke 04.

Hodgson will coach Premier League side Blackburn next season.

Cantona in testimonial. One week after announcing his retirement, Eric Cantona has been given permission by Manchester United to take the field again in a testimonial match in France this weekend.

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IDF kills Hizbullah gunman

5 others wounded in security zone

By DAVID RUDGE

At least one Hizbullah gunman was killed and as many as five others wounded - some apparently seriously - in an IDF operation north of the security zone in the early hours of yesterday morning. There were no IDF casualties.

The soldiers' actions were praised by senior officers and commanders of the Galilee division.

This brought to 20 the number of gunmen, mainly from Hizbullah, who have been killed in clashes with the IDF and South Lebanese Army since the beginning of this year. During the same period, nine IDF soldiers were killed.

The incident occurred around 1 a.m. yesterday in the Wadi Nafkah area between the villages of Yatar and Zibkin, over two kilometers north of the perimeter of the security zone, in the western sector of south Lebanon.

The IDF Spokesman said an IDF force on operational activities north of the zone killed at least one Hizbullah terrorist and wounded several others. No further details of the operation were available.

Reports from Lebanon, however, said the Hizbullah squad was hit by two long-range guided missiles, of a type fired from helicopter gunships.

According to the reports, six gunmen were admitted to a Tyre hospital. One was dead on arrival. It was not known whether Hizbullah left any other casualties in the field.

The incident occurred in an area where Hizbullah is known to operate and from where it has launched attacks against the IDF and South Lebanese Army in the past, including infiltrations of the security zone.

The operation is part of the Northern Command's ongoing policy of trying to disrupt the activities of Hizbullah and other organizations, in an attempt to keep the battle as far as possible from the security zone and Israel's northern border.

The policy is also aimed at undermining the morale of Hizbullah, by inflicting casualties among the organization's

fighting arm, and making them feel that they are not safe even in what they consider to be their own backyard.

The operation early yesterday was the latest in a series of successful IDF operations both inside and beyond the border of the security zone in the past two months. Ten days ago, however, three members of an elite IDF paratroop unit were killed and seven others wounded while on such an operation.

Despite the losses, OC Northern Command Maj. Gen. Amiram Levine made it clear after that incident that initiated operations against terrorists inside and beyond the security zone would continue.

The operation early yesterday appeared to be one of these operations.

The success of the operation, however, did not stop the fighting in the zone with more attacks being reported yesterday, primarily on SLA targets.

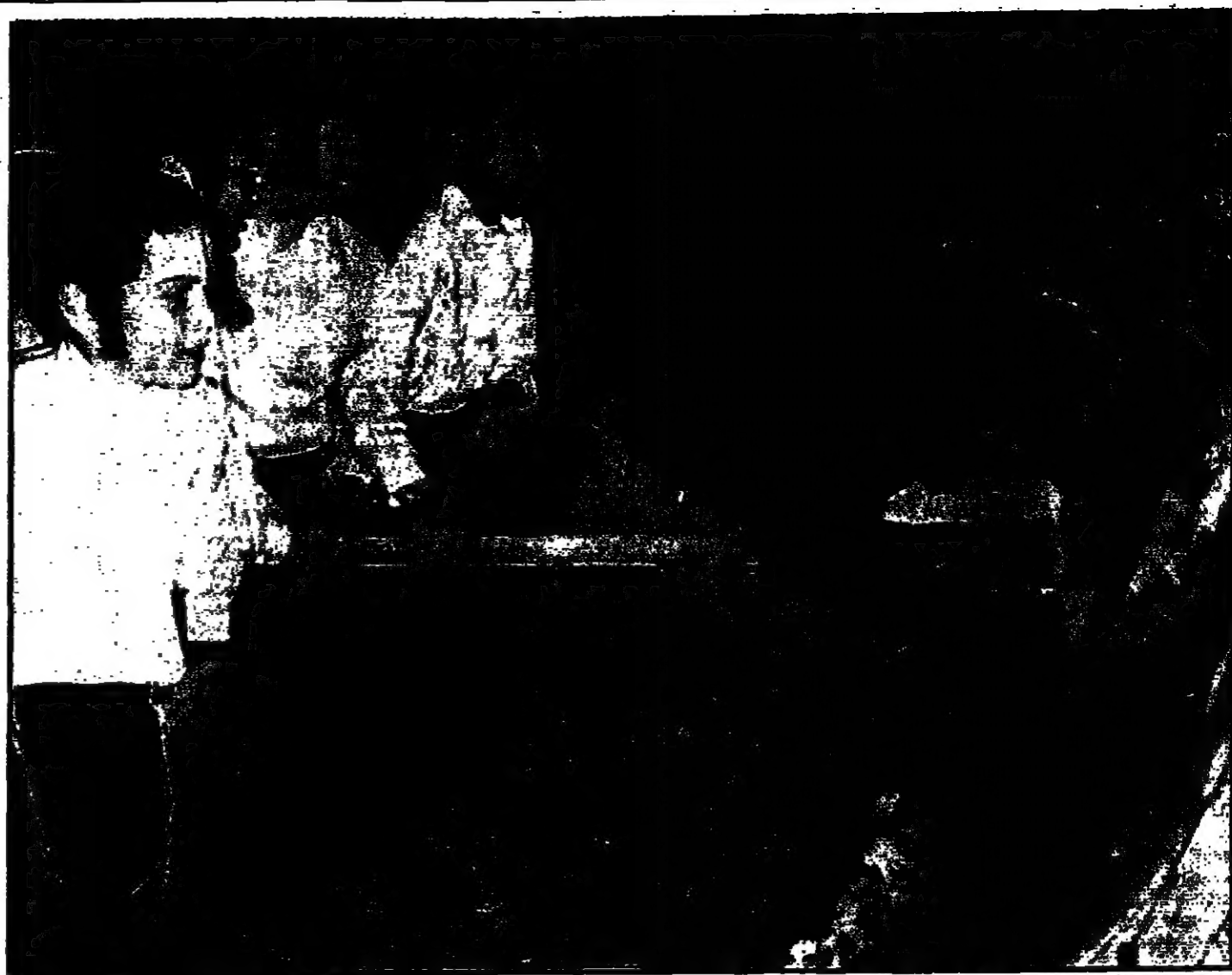
Reports from Lebanon said SLA outposts in the Kawkabeh area came under long-range mortar fire on several occasions yesterday afternoon. Mortars were also fired at outposts in the Soujoud area late on Friday night. There were no casualties in any of the incidents and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Earlier on Friday morning, a SLA outpost in the eastern sector of the zone came under light weapons fire. There were no injuries or damage.

In an unrelated incident in the Jezzine enclave, north of the security zone on Friday evening, a roadside bomb was detonated alongside a civilian vehicle in a residential area. There were no casualties in the incident, although the vehicle was damaged.

Hizbullah has recently intensified its activities against the IDF and SLA, with over 40 incidents recorded in April and around 30 so far this month.

One of the reasons for the escalation is apparently a rift in the Hizbullah ranks. Secretary-general Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah has recently hardened his military image in an effort to thwart a perceived threat to his leadership from former Hizbullah head Sheikh Subhi Toufeili.



Lighting up

Children kindle a Lag Ba'omer bonfire in Jerusalem last night, one of thousands of bonfires lit all over the country. The holiday's central event, the lighting of a bonfire near the tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar-Yohai on Mt. Meron near Safed, will take place today at the behest of the Chief Rabbinate, which wished to avoid having anyone desecrate Shabbat to attend. Nonetheless, some 20,000 people spent Shabbat in the vicinity of the tomb, including dozens of Boyaner hassidim who slept in chicken coops they rented from local farmers. Up to 150,000 people are expected on Mt. Meron today, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose planned visit forced the cancellation of several scheduled musical performances for security reasons.

(Text: Haim; photo: Brian Hendler)

Swiss slam Eizenstat report

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Switzerland, in its first extended response to the US report on Nazi gold, assailed the American assessment as "one-sided" and said some of its conclusions are "unsupported." But in an equivocal reaction last week, it also acknowledged mistakes, including a "faint-hearted" policy toward Jewish refugees.

There were "questionable deals" between Swiss business and the Nazi regime that "did not affect the survival of Switzerland," Foreign Minister Flavio Cotti said Thursday. The "declaration of the Federal Council," as the Swiss response is called, said that "neutrality led to a difficult tightrope walk between adaptation and resistance."

"Today we know that this also led to mistakes. The faint-hearted refugee policy concerning Jews was inexcusable," the declaration said. "In the business and financial sector, concessions were sometimes made

to the Axis powers which are very hard to comprehend today in view of the inner (anti-Nazi) convictions of the population and measured by absolute necessity." But, the declaration said, it is not certain that Switzerland could have broken

guard who said he feared for his family's safety after he stopped Nazi-era records from being shredded at Union Bank of Switzerland.

The Senate on Friday approved legislation granting permanent residency status for Meili, 29, his wife

and 11 federal agencies under the leadership of US Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat.

That report, which criticized the US and Switzerland for their post-war handling of Nazi gold, said neutral states had been greedy, prolonged the war by trading with the Reich, and exploited their neutrality. "Too often, being neutral provided a pretext for avoiding moral considerations," Eizenstat said.

The Swiss council challenged Eizenstat's remarks, saying they contained "political and moral values which go beyond the historic report."

"It is suggested that the neutral countries may have prolonged the Third Reich's ability to wage war by trading with it," the declaration said. "At least based on the report's contents this comment must be referred to as unsupported."

Further, it said, "The Swiss people have never understood neutrality as mere indifference in convictions." And in a tone that seemed at once plaintive and combative, the Federal Council repeated that a number of efforts were under way to review Swiss history, to assist Holocaust victims and to uncover Jewish assets in Swiss banks.

Germany-Nazi files open

BONN (Reuters) - German prosecutors are still investigating hundreds of suspected Nazi war criminals, most of whom in their eighties and nineties, the magazine Spiegel reported yesterday.

Prosecutor Willi Dreesen, the new head of Germany's Nazi war crimes investigations office, told Spiegel in an interview released ahead of publication tomorrow that about 25 preliminary cases were still pending which listed hundreds of suspects.

He said files from the East Berlin's Ministry for State Security (Stasi) archives were being evaluated and that prosecutors had already identified 37 new suspects and were assessing 50 other potential cases.

business ties with the Reich in 1943 or 1944 without provoking a German invasion.

The Swiss government's response came the day before the US Senate agreed unanimously to grant refugee to Christophe Meili, the Swiss bank

and their two children, who would not have qualified otherwise for American residency status.

The Swiss declaration followed by two weeks the release of the Eizenstat Report, a review of Nazi financial activities that was com-

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Winning cards

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Boston miracle canonizes Edith Stein

BOSTON (Reuters) - The miraculous recovery of the daughter of a Massachusetts priest from a near-coma has elevated a Jewish-born nun who died in a Nazi concentration camp to sainthood, officials said on Friday.

Pope John Paul II Thursday officially approved for canonization Edith Stein, a Polish Jew who converted to Catholicism in 1922 and became a nun before she died in the Auschwitz gas chambers in 1942.

The process of Stein's elevation began in March 1987, when two-year-old Teresa Benedicta McCarthy, who has the same name as the martyred nun after her baptism, swallowed a near-lethal dose of Tylenol and suffered serious internal damage.

Her father, the Rev. Emmanuel McCarthy, a priest in the Melkite Rite of the Catholic Church, which allows members of its clergy to marry, appealed to friends and family to pray to Edith Stein for the child's recovery.

After about four days, Benedicta made a sudden return to health and she was soon back home with no long-lasting effects from the ordeal.

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